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Another U.S. Ship Sunk

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Another American ship has been sunk in the Atlantic.
The State Department officially announced to-day that the Government-owned ship, Pink Star (6,859 tons) was attacked in waters around Iceland and sunk.
She was flying the Panamanian flag.
This is the fourth American merchant ship to be sunk by the Axis, the three previous ones being the Montana, the Sessa and the Steel Scafer.

SAVAGE FIGHTING IN PROGRESS: ORDERED RETREAT BY BUDENNY

LONDON, SEPT. 22 (REUTER).—FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED BY MOSCOW AND THE GERMAN REPORT THAT THE CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE IS IN A STATE OF "INDESCRIBABLE DEVASTATION", INTEREST IS TO-DAY FOCUSED UPON THE SAVAGE FIGHTING WHICH IS PROCEEDING EAST OF THE CITY.
HERE REGULARS OF THE SOVIET ARMY, SUPPLEMENTED BY DETACHMENTS OF THE HOME GUARD, ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING A GALLANT REARGUARD ACTION. REPORTS OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS FIGHTING ARE KEENLY AWAITED. MEANWHILE THE GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE ANNIHILATED LARGE BODIES OF TROOPS IN THIS AREA AND TO HAVE TAKEN 150,000 PRISONERS.

The reluctant Nazi admission that the Russians have left behind only a city of ruins and wreckage would indicate that Marshal Budenny made an orderly retreat.
Professing concern for Kiev's population, the Germans declare: "By their destructive rage, the Bolsheviks have endangered the lives of tens of thousands in the cruellest fashion." But it is pointed out here that there is no basis for this statement.

Colony Sees Solar Eclipse

Although the morning was overcast and disappointed thousands who patiently waited to see the eclipse on Sunday, there were moments when the phenomenon could be observed as this picture, taken by the New China News-photos, testifies.



Incredible Devastation On Soviet War Front Described

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent in Russia)

YELNYA, (Smolensk Front).—I am writing this dispatch from Yelnya, the principal town of the large salient which the Russians recaptured after smashing eight German divisions in a month-long battle which proved one of the war's fiercest struggle.

King Boris To Make Fateful Decision

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, Sept. 22 (UP).—Turkish political circles report that King Boris of Bulgaria has either arrived at Hitler's headquarters or is about to leave for a most important conference.
It is believed these talks will precede a rupture within the next few days of Bulgarian-Russian relations and possibly a declaration of war against Russia.

NO STRIKE AT STEAM LAUNDRY

The threatened strike at the Steam Laundry Company did not materialise this morning.
Instead all of the employees, with the exception of a few members of the committee representing the workers' interests, reported for duty at the usual time and, according to the manager of the company, the situation is normal.

Yesterday afternoon representatives of the Steam Laundry employees interviewed the Labour Officer, Mr B. C. Hawkins requesting his intervention for the reinstatement of workers who had been dismissed from the company, but the Labour Officer informed them that he was not in a position to do anything.
Later in the evening the entire laundry staff were addressed by the company's manager.

"VANGUARD OF VICTORY"

South Africans At War

PRETORIA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Copies of "The Vanguard of Victory," the official book on the South African campaign in East Africa, are being sent by Field Marshal Smuts, South African Prime Minister, to Mr Winston Churchill, Queen Wilhelmina, President Roosevelt, Prime Ministers of the other Dominions, the Viceroy of India and the Commanders-in-Chief of the British armed forces.

Mr Churchill's copy will be accompanied by the following message from Field Marshal Smuts: "You will find this book a most interesting and useful one. It tells you how we did it."
To Queen Wilhelmina, Field Marshal Smuts says: "My dearest wish is that the glorious victories of our sons and daughters, worthy descendants of two great freedom-loving peoples, may also be the fore-runner of the eventual liberation of your fatherland."
Field Marshal Smuts sent a copy of the book with a personal message to every South African who participated in the campaign, and Mrs Smuts is sending a copy with a personal message to the relatives of every casualty in the campaign.

It is believed that King Boris is strongly resisting a declaration of war but is likely to be overruled.

Wants Bulgarian Unity
SOFIA, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Premier, M. Filov, addressing the directors and leaders of numerous Bulgarian professions to-day appealed for unity and a fight against Communism.
The press and radio simultaneously attacked Bolshevism. One radio commentator asserted that the Bulgarians should distinguish between the Czarists and the present regimes and concluded with a plea for a fight against Communism.

No State of Siege
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by Rome Radio.
(Another Radio on Friday last described it as a "state of emergency.")

Our Battleships Repaired In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Navy Department announced that 12 British warships, including three battleships, have been in United States ports in addition to those mentioned a day or two ago.
All 12 have now left again. They were the battleships Resolution, Malaya and Rodney; the auxiliaries Canton, Southern Prince, Montclair, Bulolo, and Lancia; the corvettes Tulip and Clarissa; the destroyer Richmond and the armed merchant cruiser Aurania.

Hope For U.S.-Japan Talks Not Yet Dead

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 22 (UP).—Despite Mr Cordell Hull's repeated refusals to discuss the Japanese-American, "exploratory" diplomatic sources here insist that parallel negotiations are still continuing at Tokyo and Washington which are aimed at establishing a basis from which the two nations can proceed into a more concrete stage, aimed at eventual rapprochement.

The "United Press" has learned from the utmost reliable sources that leaders in Tokyo last week fully anticipated that the preliminary stage of the negotiations was on the verge of being passed which would open the way for further negotiations.

It is now nearly a week since I left Moscow for the first trip to the front according any foreign journalist. Since then I have travelled along many roads—often incredible roads—along the Smolensk sector of the eastern front.

One recaptured village I visited remains very vividly in my memory. Unlike so many others, there were a few houses still standing but the only inhabitants were one peasant, three children and one blind woman, and she had been rendered insane by the experiences through which she passed.

I saw her wandering from place to place with her only possessions: one pail, one sheepskin and a few pathetic rags. But the three children were already busy digging up potatoes from the recaptured fields.
Devastated Country
Hereabouts and eastwards the countryside was devastated by the Germans before they were driven out by the Russian pincer movement. The Russian pincer movement was that thousands of Germans were killed or captured while other German forces were compelled to withdraw rapidly from the bottle-neck, abandoning strong positions and masses of equipment.
The Germans are now 11 miles west of Yelnya and are being driven further away.

Smolensk is still in German hands but the Russians are not very far off. In Yelnya, the only building relatively intact is one church. The remainder of this town, which formerly had 6,000 inhabitants, now consists mainly of a few chimney stacks and heaps of rubble and ashes.

Forced Labour
A large number of the inhabitants were trapped by the sudden arrival

Explosions In Home Factories

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—It is officially announced that one person was killed and three injured in a northwest factory explosion. The damage was slight and production was not affected.
Another explosion occurred in a Muldoon factory causing a serious fire but the large staff escaped without injury.

SERIOUS BLOW

But Loss Of Kiev Is Not Knock-out

WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It would be idle to deny that the loss of Kiev is a serious blow. The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general or those of Marshal Budenny in particular.

It shows that if a determined commander is prepared to pay the price he can achieve very considerable successes, but the price at Kiev must have been appallingly high and the question is bound to arise sooner or later: "How often will the Germans be able to afford it?"
With the conquest of each position, a new one seems to rear itself before the German advance and new armies appear which show the same undaunted resolution of those who have fallen back after inflicting a maximum of punishment on the enemy.

Sugaring The Pill
It is significant that the Germans seized the moment of the capture of Kiev to publish their first detailed list of the alleged losses in the first three months of the campaign. Although over 400,000 casualties are admitted, the figures are felt by experts to be ridiculously low and it is evident that the High Command wanted for some success to sugar the pill before they dared to make any announcement.
There is no further news as to the fighting at Leningrad or in the vicinity of Smolensk.

Further south the Germans appear to be aiming at Rostov in the mouth of the Don but Kharkov is more likely to be the next important target as it would threaten the whole Donetz Basin.

LATEST

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Wants Neutrality Act Altered

Mr Cordell Hull's Views

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated that he favours revision of the Neutrality Act.

Mr Hull recalled that when in 1935 the Act was passed, he had said that it was likely to get the United States into war as to keep the United States out of war.

ITALIAN LINERS SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The destruction of two Italian liners and damage to a third Italian liner was announced by the Admiralty this afternoon.

The communiqué reads: "On Thursday, September 18, submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet on patrol in the Central Mediterranean successfully attacked a fast and heavily escorted Italian convoy carrying reinforcements to Libya.
The convoy consisted of three liners. Two have been destroyed. It is probable that the third was damaged."
One of the liners in this convoy was similar to the steamer Vulcan of 24,460 tons. The other two liners were of approximately the same tonnage.

Schooners Destroyed
CAIRO, Sept. 22 (UP).—The A.R.F. destroyed two large Italian schooners and successfully attacked an Italian destroyer in the region of Tripoli recently. "One schooner, after being hit, blew up with such terrific force that it was seen to explode."

At almost the same time, a power station at Trebenze was wrecked by another explosion, a great part of the buildings being destroyed.

Deletion of the arms embargo from that Act, Mr Hull made clear, is not sufficient to clear the way for aid to Britain.

Asked whether there was undue pessimism regarding the plight of Russia, Mr Hull said that from the way the Russians were fighting there did not seem to be any pessimism over there.

Mr Hull also said that diplomatic negotiations were continuing in an effort to work out a settlement between Peru and Ecuador.

No Prediction

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull told newspapermen to-day that he had tried for some time to indicate that he believed that the Neutrality Act should be changed, but he declined to predict whether or when repeal or revision might be expected.
He declared that the Lend-Lease Act was based primarily on the doctrine of self-defence and it provided a way to go further as the necessities of defence increased.

Replying to a question whether another letter had been received by President Roosevelt from the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, Mr Hull said that he had no information about it.

REPORTED ATTACK AT GIBRALTAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (UP).—In connection with the reported Italian attack on Gibraltar, it is recalled that Italy used the so-called suicide boats—one-man torpedo boats—in previous operations.
The small craft are usually launched at night time from larger warships and consist chiefly of a torpedo steered at the target at high speed. The pilot cuts loose shortly before the target is hit, hoping to be picked up.

Italian View

ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Italian assault units which entered Gibraltar harbour, it is reliably stated, were similar to those who attacked Malta on July 25. They were manned by two-man crews who steered the torpedo close to the objectives after which a detachable stern was unhooked and used as an outboard motorboat in which they tried to escape.

JUNO CASUALTIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced the following casualties—missing, presumed killed—from the destroyer Juno which was lost at Crete: Lieutenants J. H. Bentley, O. O. Gairdner and W. R. Sturges, and Lieut. Commander J. H. Sturges.

Ex-Shah Disgorges Part Of Loot From Iranians

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

TEHERAN, Sept. 22.—Seven new Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Premier Faruqi has presented to Parliament. The remaining four members were in the makeshift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Iranian military resistance.

The most important of the new Ministers are: Foreign Affairs.—All Sobhani, former Minister of the Interior and at one time Ambassador to Kabul.

War Minister.—General Ahmed Nakhjavan, whom the Shah dismissed from the War Ministry and threw into prison when the "Cease Fire" was ordered.
Minister of the Interior.—General Amonollah Jahanbani, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship.
Minister of Education.—Dr. Isaa Sadiq, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University.

The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong.

The two emissaries sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan have now returned, bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah cedes all his property in Iran to the Iranian people. The ex-Shah still retains his enormous wealth deposited in foreign banks, mostly in America, estimated by some Iranians to total nearly \$245,000,000.

Allies Outside Teheran
SIMLA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communiqué issued here.
It says: "Owing to atmospheric disturbances communications with Iran and Iraq were subjected to interference in the last few days. It is now established that recent press and radio reports to the effect that Allied troops have occupied Teheran are incorrect. Allied forces are still encamped outside the city."

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(Sgd.) W. V. TAYLOR,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

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WOMAN HONOUR GRADUATE At Edinburgh

A woman, Sheila Patricia Violet Sherlock, has the honour of being the most distinguished medical graduate of the year at Edinburgh University. At the Medical Graduation recently she was awarded the Ettles Scholarship and Leslie Medal, and five other prizes.

Dr Sherlock is a former pupil of Folkestone Academy, Kent.

Sir Thomas Holland, the Vice-Chancellor, drew attention to this success and said this was the second time the Ettles Scholarship had been won by a woman, the first occasion being in 1924, when it was won by Dr Margaret Todd. By that remark he did not suggest that he was calling attention to the poverty of success among women. The scholarship was instituted 73 years ago, but women were not admitted to the privilege of graduation until after 1894, and always they had been in the minority among medical students.

Polish Pilot's Honour
Konrad Bazaralik, a Lieut.-Pilot in the Polish Air Force, had the honour of being the first graduate of the Polish School of Medicine at Edinburgh. He received his award at the ceremony.

This officer, it is interesting to note, was a medical student before the war. During the war in Poland he did duty as a bombardier and later served as a bombing pilot in France, coming to this country at the time of the evacuation.

Among the graduates were a husband and wife, Mr and Mrs Worrall, and a brother and sister from Jamaica, British West Indies, Mildred and Theodore Tie-Ten-Quee.

SWEDISH MATCHES

May Disappear from Local Market. Shortly

Matches of Swedish manufacture may disappear from the Hongkong market after the next few months, it was learned from Mr. R. B. Mace, Manager of the Swedish Match Company yesterday. He told a reporter that he had only a limited supply of these matches, which, in fact, represented what was left of the last consignment from Sweden some time ago. It is possible, however, to obtain stocks of the matches, but the cost would be enormous and could only result in heavy losses.

Besides the Swedish brands, matches manufactured by two Hongkong and three Macao factories are also sold in the Colony. Owing to the high cost of production and the fact that the raw materials used in their manufacture have now to be imported from America (they were previously imported from continental Europe), the prices of matches have risen considerably. An idea of the great jump in the prices of raw materials can be gathered from the fact that short, tapered, used in the manufacture of the "head," was selling at \$30 per 50-kilo cask. The latest quotation gives the price at \$700 for the same quantity.

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ECONOMIC FIGHTERS—President Roosevelt's new Economic Defence Board meets for first time in Washington. L. to r., seated, Secretaries Morgenthau, Knox, Vice President Wallace, Secretary Stimson. Standing, Solicitor General Biddle, Secretary Jones, Assistant Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary Wickard.

Army Discipline Must Be Entirely Ruthless

"Entirely ruthless discipline" is one of the main qualities our Army needs to beat the Nazis. This was stressed by Lieut.-General H. E. Franklyn, General Officer Commanding British troops in Northern Ireland.

Police Reserve

Orders Issued for The Current Week

Orders by O. Eager, Deputy Commissioner of Police (interior):

Chinese Constable (R)1223 Tong Lo-chung is hereby warned to appear before the O. C. Chinese Company at Police Headquarters on Wednesday, September 24, 1941, at 11.00 hours, failing which he will be dismissed from the Reserve.

Strength Increase.—The undermentioned have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from dates shown against them:

Constables (R)1274 Ho Sik-yee, (R)1318 Kwong Chung-cho, and (R)1319 Yu Man-woon, 13.10.41; (R)1021 Lee Kam-woon, 14.10.41; (R)1226 Nicholas Lau Wah-poo, 14.10.41; (R)1228 Pui-chung, 14.10.41; (R)1231 Sze To-yang, (R)1401 Cheong Mun-leung, (R)1434 Hui Yip-kwan, (R)1531 Pui Chun-wah, and (R)1561 Chan Sik-chuen, September 17, 1941.

Resignation.—The following have been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company as from September 13, 1941:

Constables (R)1226 Leung Kai-chung, (R)1301 Sun-lau, (R)1323 Wong Yui-wing, (R)1331 Kwan Wah-sang, (R)1381 Chan Shun-chung, (R)1401 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1402 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1403 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1404 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1405 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1406 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1407 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1408 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1409 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1410 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1411 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1412 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1413 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1414 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1415 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1416 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1417 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1418 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1419 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1420 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1421 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1422 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1423 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1424 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1425 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1426 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1427 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1428 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1429 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1430 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1431 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1432 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1433 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1434 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1435 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1436 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1437 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1438 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1439 Pui Chun-wah, (R)1440 Pui 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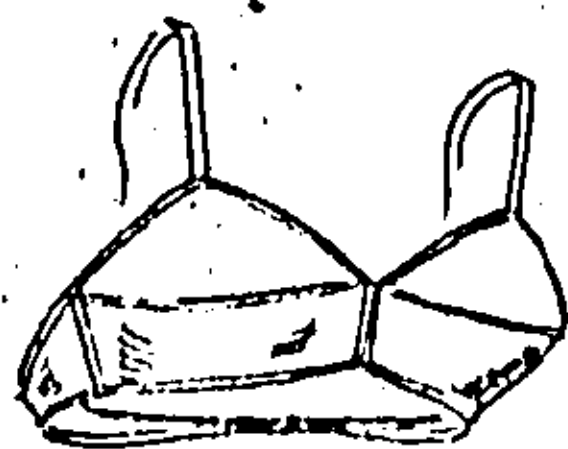
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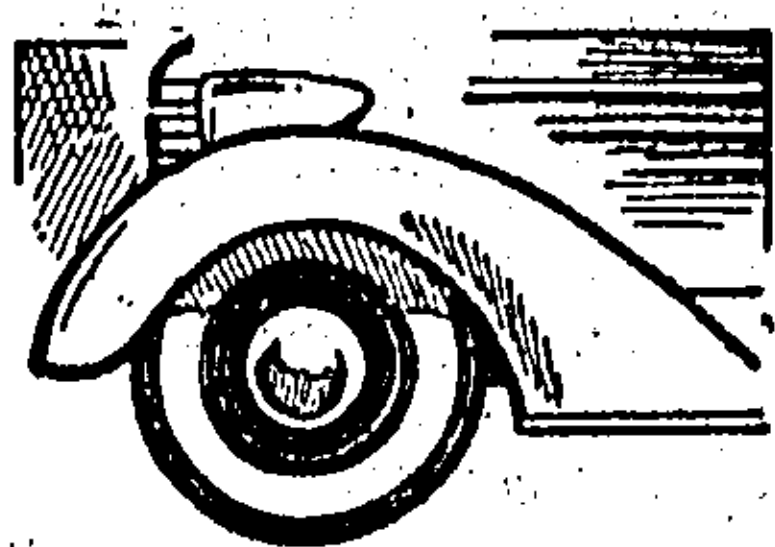
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BULGARIA

Bulgaria now appears to have been forced to the cross-roads: is she going to declare war against Russia or Turkey which means acquiescence to the Axis, or is she going to retain neutrality which will be a defeat for Hitler's policy.

Bulgaria has had a most unfortunate history most of it step-marked by wrong decisions by its leaders at fateful moments. Even the choice between Constantinople and Rome—the Greek Orthodox Church and Roman Catholicism—made by the first Boris one thousand years ago comes into this category for it paved the way for religious dissension which split from the Bulgarian Empire Albania and Macedonia. After a short period of Turkish rule the Bulgars rose again to independence but from 1396 to 1878 they endured the oppressive demands of the Turks in a dark and as it seemed permanent period of history which must seem to them still as horrific as anything the Nazis can conjure up.

With the aid of Russia this stupifying, stultifying and barbarous period came to an end and Bulgaria regained her independence. She endured the vicissitudes of Balkan politics until the Great War when she elected to fight with the Central Powers and suffered in the peace treaty considerable diminution of territory to gratify Rumania, Turkey, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Bulgaria does not want to fight Turkey. If her people were consulted they would be satisfied that their old enemy was no longer a menace to them; they would want to continue in their peaceful peasant ways. The last country in the world they would want to fight is Russia.

However, Bulgaria is another country where the bulk of the people have no say in their affairs. Boris has been dictator since he ousted the cliques who hummed round the Government—reactionaries, anti-peasant bodies, pro-Fascists movements, revisionist groups, republicans. Bulgaria sold herself into Axis hands trying at first to off-set the Balkan Entente, then to retain her neutrality and now, back to the wall, she thinks only of that final throw: the struggle

They Can't Lick the British Sense of Humour

WAR is a grim business, and it would certainly gag most of us if it were not for the happy fact that the national sense of humour comes to our rescue. But there is more to it than just a general sharpening of the community funny bone; individually we become more ready to crack jokes, as well as more appreciative of others' jokes. We all realise the truth of the old ditty:

"A bit of humour now and then

Is relished by the best of men!"

This may seem an eccentric state of affairs when war is such a horrible experience; we should laugh less instead of more. Yet there is a psychological basis to it. Laughter is a type of "defence mechanism." As Kobold Knight assures us, "a sense of humour is like Medea's magic ointment, which quickly heals every wound and renders one immune." Few things assuage burdened minds as much as hearty laughter; a person without a sense of humour is without one strong shield against the batterings of outraged fortune.

In this respect the British people are perhaps the best armoured. There may be jokes in Berlin and Rome; but they are as funeral psalms compared to the salubrious stuff and nourishing nonsense dished up in London by the whimsy artists of the nation. And the saints be praised for that!

Humour is an intangible but stout defence in war. We may expect to endure the hardships and the horrors of conflict longer and with less spiritual casualty, if we have a joke or two to take refuge in. The lit of laughter, even sad laughter, is invaluable.

For this reason an examination for British war humour may have lessons for us. What is its pattern? What are its consequences?

There are four kinds of British war humour: First there is the work of the jokesmiths who either concoct war jokes out of whole cloth, as the saying is, or who seize upon war incidents and "tailor" them into full-fledged anecdotes.

Then there are actual unconsciously droll incidents that happen and circulate as war stories in their own right. Thirdly, there are funny remarks made during moments of excitement. And, finally, there are the inimitable British placards and notices taking humorous advantage of wartime conditions.

Look first at samples of the jokesmith's art. One of their best "whole cloth" jokes is about a young sergeant who asked the sergeant-major for advice in framing a charge for which there was no example in King's Regulations:

"What was the man doing, exactly?" asked the sergeant-major.

"Flirting with a girl in the park, sir."

"Well," said the sergeant-major solemnly, "charge him with impersonating an officer."

for bare existence as an independent unit.

If she elects for the Axis she will have sold her soul for temporary gain and the hate of Russians and Turks: the alternative is to defy the Axis to turn her from neutrality and to rely on the unstable conditions in southeastern Europe and Hitler's unconsolidated gains to keep the Axis hordes from forcing her hand.

Another "whole cloth" war-time joke is an adaptation of an old favourite:

Office boy: "Please, sir, could I have to-morrow afternoon off?"

Employer: "Your grandmother, I suppose?"

Office boy: "Exactly, sir. She's making her first parachute jump."

Look next at "tailored" jokes, that is, war incidents that have been seized upon by the whimsy artists and turned into full-fledged anecdotes. For instance, there is the one about the British pilot who got lost and landed at Curragh in Kildare.

Growled the tough Irish sergeant who greeted him: "Twould fit ye better to thank God you're not a dead man, for a corpse ye'd surely be, landing like this without warning, only for our anti-aircraft gun is after going to Dublin for repair because young Mick here jammed it blazing into a flock of wild geese that came overhead last Saturday night."

Then there is the "tailored" joke about the young officer returning from leave abroad. He was just about to take his place in an air liner when a girl ran up and asked the passengers if any one of them would be kind enough to sell her their seat as her mother was dangerously ill and the liner was full up.

The young officer gave up his seat and wired his C.O.: "Given

By **Charles Clay**

berth to girl. Returning by next plane." The reply he received ran: "Congratulations. Your next confinement will be in barracks."

These jokes, and literally hundreds more like them, circulating among Britain's civilian and military population, are a powerful benison. They cheer and enliven spirits. There is no doubt that they have been in large part responsible for the British ability "to take it." Familiar with such conscious drollery, the British become unconsciously droll!

A zealous ARP warden, during a blackout, saw the lighthouse on Barra Head going about its business of illuminating nearly a hundred square miles of ocean. That, of course, was right and proper, and the warden nodded with satisfaction; ships at sea had to be guided from the shoals, blackout or no blackout.

And then the warden suddenly stiffened. What did he see? With a resounding oath he rushed down to the shore, commanded a boat and plunged through the waves towards the lighthouse. Coming within hailing distance, he bawled out through a megaphone.

The keeper thrust his head over the rim of the towering structure. "Man," shouted the warden, "don't you know this is a blackout and you're supposed to pull your window blinds down?"

A second engineer serving on a trawler during the evacuation of troops from Namsos left his engine room and went on deck during a fierce Nazi bomb attack on his ship. He thought he could be of more use up top than down below. He was. He did tremendous work carrying ammunition to the trawler's one anti-aircraft gun. And as he trotted from shell box to gun, reckless of the bombs falling all around his ship, the second engineer sang "Pennies from Heaven."

A bomb dropped in a south England river and a local angler turned her from neutrality and exclaimed indignantly: "This rely on the unstable conditions will upset the fish for weeks." In southeastern Europe and Hitler's unconsolidated gains to traveller, throwing his napkin angrily on the table in a south-east town restaurant: "I don't

mind these raids, but I wish to goodness they wouldn't come at lunch time. It's just thoughtless!"

How those Britishers can "take it!" With a sense of humour second to none in the world, they are stoutly and impenetrably armoured. And nowhere is their drollery more in evidence than in their placarding. It has become a new wartime art, each trying to outdo his neighbour in laugh-producing signs.

A Dover rooming house proprietor puts a card in his window as soon as a vacancy occurs. The card invariably reads: "Nice rooms with every convenience, facing the enemy." A placard in a public building in one of the raided suburbs of London used to read: "Don't worry—it may never happen." After a very sharp attack the placard reappeared with a slight change: "Don't worry—Hitler has missed us again."

One night a bomb fell in the centre of a street in the shopping district, blowing out all the plate glass windows in the nearby stores. One proprietor immediately put up a sign: "Open as usual." His competitor across the street went one better. His sign read: "More open than usual." A South London barber, after the upper part of his shop had been blown away by a bomb, nailed the following notice on his door: "I have had a close shave. What about you?"

But the prize for seizing upon the exigencies of war and whimsically turning them to good account came from a London flower-seller following the British anti-rumour campaign. This stout-hearted lady put up a placard over her posies. It read: "Don't talk in your sleep, there may be a Jerry under your bed. Say it with flowers, instead."

No wonder an old man, placidly painting his house during an air raid, mildly replied when told to come down to safety: "Bombs? I thought it was the wind shaking my ladder!" No wonder when the blushing bride said "I do" during a violent raid on London which did not interrupt the marriage ceremony the bridegroom grinned and remarked: "This is a good start!" No wonder a certain English lady in her very late seventies, receiving a cable from an American friend suggesting she visit the United States "for the duration," promptly replied: "Hearty thanks charming invitation, hope to accept when ultimate victory is secured!"

There is something tremendously inspiring in such high-spiritedness in the face of an implacable enemy. Simple, spontaneous, stirring, these reactions to disaster and death prove above all things that the British have a resilience that will be hard, if not impossible, to snap. Their national sense of humour is their most powerful defence.

Good cheer is the basis of an inflexible determination to win, and ability to laugh is the basis of good cheer. Let us therefore strongly fortify ourselves with laughter. This is one case where he who laughs first will also laugh last—and loudest.

WHAT THE SOVIET LEADERS TOLD ME

By Arthur Wauters

When Germany attacked the Soviets I called to mind conversations which I had had with Soviet statesmen during my travels in Russia.

We are, one of them told me, the heirs of the French Revolution and we should escape a repetition of their mistakes. There will be no Thermidor for Communist Russia. There will be no imitation of the Girondins who had pushed on a war outside the country in order to take people's attention off the difficulties within. The man who told me this was shot by Stalin with many others.

It is perfectly true that the Russians have not attempted to export Communism at bayonet point. Russia is the only country in the world ruled by a Communist Government. This is not the case as far as Fascism and totalitarianism. Governments are concerned for they have succeeded in taking over the direction of a considerable number of nations. The conflict between Trotsky and Stalin was based entirely on this difference of basic ideology. The latter wished to perfect the Socialist State within Russia in peace and the former only believed in the triumph of Communism if it were brought about by world revolution.

Peace Policy

Soviet Russia has attempted to remain entirely self-contained. She has, as far as possible, remained outside military conflicts. She has not fully succeeded in this latter aim. The Communist Parties in all the Democratic and neutral countries to the full the Munich agreement. They denounced the capitulation and weakness of Chamberlain and Daladier, but when they found themselves face to face with identical difficulties they quickly put into application a peace policy. This at one time reached the level of fawning on Germany.

All these efforts, however, have not been able to preserve them from war. They are now within the sphere of hostilities. The Communist slogan of "Imperialist War" has vanished. It cannot be used again for a long time by Communist propagandists in the world. Stalin, who has always claimed to be a complete follower of Lenin, was obliged by force of circumstances to fight. He could not allow Germany to seize his agricultural products, his mineral riches and, above all, his oil, which supplies his motorised army and agriculture.

Leninism

Leninism believed that it would be best, by giving up territory every time that it became necessary, to allow the great Capitalist countries to wear themselves out through conflict so that, profiting by their weakness at the end of such a war, the Communists could spread among them destroying the social structure and attempt to establish Communist Governments.

To-day Russia, like the other countries, is exposed to the same exhaustion which results from world warfare.

Russia has also known a Thermidor which cost the lives of a very large number of Officers. We do not know how far this factor will have effect in the future evolution of operations.

When Trotsky succeeded, after brilliant victories, in destroying the White Russians and chasing the Allied armies from the New Europe the objective factors for "a Bonapartist attempt" were in embryo. Trotsky did not wish at that time to make use of the high prestige which he enjoyed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You win, Adèle—They DID have shoes in all these boxes!"

League Basketball

S. CHINA BEAT "Y" FOR LEADERSHIP

Beating the Y.M.C.A. cagers in a hard-fought victory at Chinese "Y", Waterloo Road, yesterday, South China headed the League table and remained the only undefeated team. In the first half both teams played hard for the lead. Although Y.M.C.A. at no time led the winners yet the score was never far apart. The score at the conclusion of the first half stood at 19-14 with South China leading.

The opening of the second stanza saw the losers within striking distance of South China. Y.M.C.A. gathered two consecutive shots to put them only three points behind their opponents. The threat was soon over when South China put on full steam and left their opponents far behind. The final score was 44-25 in favour of South China.

Rough Game
The game was quite a rough one. Two players from each team were sent off for committing four personal fouls. The "Y" cagers showed bad shooting form, missing many easy under baskets. Their defence always left a gap open for the South China hoopers.

Team	FG	FT	Reb	Pts
South China	10	11	10	44
Y.M.C.A.	4	11	10	25

Opening Game
As a curtain raiser to the exciting match, National University beat Youth 31-24.

In the first half the match was very closely contested, with Youth always trailing. At the interval the winners led by only two points, the score being 20-18.

The second half saw Youth falling far behind and until the final whistle the Victory boys led by a comfortable margin.

League Table to Date

Team	P	W	L	Pts
South China	7	7	0	14
Y.M.C.A.	7	0	7	14
National University	7	6	1	12
Sing Tao	7	6	1	12
Wai Kiu	7	4	3	8
Black Cats	7	4	3	8
Residents Union	7	4	3	8
Youth	7	3	4	4
Indian Police	7	3	4	4
Yu Leong	7	3	4	4
Ping Ching	7	3	4	4
Bank Union	7	3	4	4
Trojans	7	3	4	4
V.R.C.	7	3	4	4

Sir Charles Wilson Invited To Moscow

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It is learned authoritatively that Mr Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow.

Sir Charles will report to Mr Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.

Missions Arrive
LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Tass agency reports that the British and American Missions to Moscow have arrived by air on Soviet territory.

Maisky With Tank Workers Of Britain

Inspiration To Russians

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Russian Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands to-day to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week." Madame Maisky named the first tank, which was of the Valentine type, "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for "these very excellent machines" on behalf of himself, his country and people, and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battlefield."

He said that they would not rust in idleness.

Immediately following the ceremony, the tanks rumbled off to the docks on the first stage of their journey to Russia. On some tanks nearing completion were painted or chalked the names of Karl Marx, Lenin, Timoshenko, Budenny and Voroshilov. One tank almost ready for delivery bore these words: "Moscow, here I come."

Every Second Counts

As soon as M. Maisky's train pulled into the Midlands station, M. Maisky saw two Valentine tanks, one flying the Union Jack and the other the Red flag. They were covered with posters announcing "Tanks for Russia—every second counts."

Touring the factory, he saw slogans such as "Another One for Joe" and "Rush 'em for Russia." A workman told M. Maisky that they were working 66½ hours a week to turn out weapons for Russia.

The first factory visited had a Red flag fluttering from the roof. "It looks to me a very efficient factory," said M. Maisky, "and the reception we got was very enthusiastic."

Workers Doing Their Best

He noticed all slogans and Russian names printed on the sides of tanks and "this was a great inspiration to me. I know that the Midlands are a very great and active industrial centre and I am not surprised at the very great production going on. We are satisfied that the workers are doing their best to turn out tanks for Russia and they seem very enthusiastic. We want these tanks to get to Russia as soon as possible and we want as many as you can send. We can use all of them and in any quantities."



CHUNGKING ABLAZE—Huge pillars of smoke roll skyward from fires set by a Japanese air raid on off-bombed Chungking, the Chinese capital.

BURMA'S AIR FIELDS A LINK TO AID CHINA

RANGOON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Increasing aid for China and greater mobility of the Royal Air Force in the east is expected to result from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing grounds in Burma.

Inter-Allied Conference In London

Post-War Switch

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The main items for debate at the forthcoming Inter-Allied Conference in London shortly will, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent, probably be (1) The Atlantic Charter signed by Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt; (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all Allied countries.

Mr Churchill will be the principal British representative. Russia will be represented for the first time at these conferences and her delegate is expected to be the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky.

All Allied countries will naturally subscribe to the aims of the Atlantic Charter.

It is thought that post-war plans will be discussed for the switch-over from war to peacetime production, including the collection and storage of raw materials and their distribution where the need is greatest in the countries concerned. The idea, it is assumed, is that reconstruction shall be tackled as an international problem with mutual co-operation instead of leaving each country to act as it finds possible.

Appreciation Of General Wavell

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell, C-in-C India, has been awarded the Military Cross of Virtuti Militari, which is the Polish equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

General Wavell had a Polish-Carpathian Brigade under his command when he was C-in-C of the Middle East.

General Sikorski, of the Polish Motorised Artillery in the United Kingdom, yesterday revealed that a Carpathian Brigade was now actively engaged on one of the Middle East fronts.

Enemy Of Britain In Japanese Legation?

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Cairo newspaper "Almo Kattam," cites "a reliable source" for a report from Teheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Teheran.

LETTERS

Evacuation Representation Committee

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—As most of your readers will no doubt be aware through the medium of our advert. in your paper, the above Committee have called a General Meeting for Wednesday, 24th inst. when the attendance it is hoped will constitute a record.

This is an important meeting and certain decisions will have to be taken, therefore it is necessary that husbands who are affected by the deportation should be present to give effect to any decisions at which we may arrive.

Great prominence has recently been given to the arrival of more women in the Colony, and my Committee wish to make it quite clear that they have no quarrel with these arrivals; the system, and the principles involved, the injustices imposed on the loyal women who left at the Government's behest, and the individuals who are responsible for the discrimination are amongst those for which the sword of retribution has been unsheathed.

So in conclusion, my Committee would welcome the presence of wives who were originally deported to Australia in that their views and experiences may be helpful to my Committee's efforts.

This I believe to be the view of the majority of the husbands as it is obvious to any even thinking husband, that further antagonism to those who have returned will not enhance our cause one iota, and that to cause misery to others will not remove the cause of our own loneliness.

W. V. TAYLOR,
Honorary Secretary & Treasurer,
Evacuation Representation Committee.

U. S. CAN SUPPLY ALL TANKS AND SMALL GUNS

CHICAGO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The United States defence programme has reached a point where it is able to meet all demands for tanks, small guns and ammunition, declared Mr William Knudsen, Director-General of the Office of Production Management, here to-day.

Calling for a still greater effort, he declared that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through regardless of the sacrifices we have to make in our comfortable standard of living. I think that it behoves us all to wake up."

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His pal, Mr Expert Ball Fan, that gashouse guy who can chatter in a non-stop fashion and who can give you a complete running "tell-tale" encyclopaedia on the game from baseball's soup to nuts, sighs with satisfied relief at the thought that those hard baseballs, which are swung at and disposed of as carelessly as a playboy on a spending spree, can be produced by the manufacturers to the satisfaction of modern baseball's huge demand for more balls.

JUST after that old Civil War hero, Abner Doubleday, gave to the world his crowning achievement of a lifetime, in the discovery of this game called baseball, a perpetual demand for balls, was set into motion.

From 1850 until late in the sixties only two men working by hand were needed to make the baseballs used in match games at that time.

A far cry, that, from the A. J. Reach and Co. plant in Philadelphia which now can turn out hundreds of balls daily for use in many of the professional, semi-pro, amateur and college leagues in America.

Earliest popular baseball manufacturers were Harvey Ross of the Brooklyn Atlantics, a sail maker by trade, who constructed them in his own home, and John Van Horn of the Morrisania, New York, Union Club, whose factory was his little boot and shoe store.

One day in 1865, Benjamin F. Shibe, a leather worker, sought out

a baseball man for a practical discussion of his idea for standardised balls of uniform weight and size. He solicited Al Reach, one of the greatest players of the day, for advice. The outgrowth was a partnership in a small plant and sporting goods store in a Philadelphia frame building. They soon had a virtual monopoly on the manufacture of baseballs.

It was Tom Shibe, son of the co-founder of the company, who unwittingly brought about such improvements that the "lively ball" resulted.

In 1925, Shibe was still maintaining that there couldn't possibly be any difference in the balls used before the World War and those used in the home run era. In an attempt to prove his assertion, he bisected two balls—one made in 1912, one made in 1925. Their interiors looked just alike. Each had the same cork centre enclosed in a black ring of Para rubber, then a three-quarter-inch layer of tightly wrapped yarn, over which was stretched the cover of alum-tanned horsehide.

But when an attempt was made to place the halves of the two balls together, again an amazing change was noted. The 1912 ball fitted together almost as before. But the insides of the 1925 ball bulged out at the centre—it had much more "spring." When the halves were placed together there was almost an inch of space separating them at the centre.

Shibe reviewed his activities of the past several years and came up with what he considered the solution. He explained that just after the last war, a high grade of Australian wool yarn became available for the making of baseballs, and also added that they (the manufacturers) had improved their yarn-winding and cover-sewing machines to make a more perfect baseball.

So even Shibe, who had made the ball, was astonished to learn that the combination of better material and improved manufacture had created a more lively ball which changed the whole complexion of the game.

FREDERIC Rahr, a Harvard graduate who calls himself a "color engineer," is still trying to persuade the Major Leagues to adopt his yellow ball for better visibility. It was used in a couple of National League games in 1939, but nothing came of it.

Rahr insists that his bright yellow spheroid will help thousands of fans who have poor vision. He says it will also aid batters as well as pitchers and fielders, because of its high visibility. Chief problem is to find a yellow dye which won't rub off on sweaty fingers. Rahr also experimented with red baseballs, but found them unsatisfactory.

Many Major League magnates who have seen dozens of balls pounded over the fences or fouled into the unremitting paws of customers, would like to effect the economy once demonstrated by a pair of American Association clubs. On April 11, 1912, only one ball was used in the Kansas City-Columbus game—a full length affair too.

Lecture On Soccer Laws To Referees

That a thorough knowledge of the laws of the game, plus absolute physical fitness were essential for a referee were among the points stressed by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Secretary of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association, during his lecture on Association Football laws at the Referees' class held at Scandal Point Hall last night. Mr. Silva dealt with Law No. 15, on the Throw-in, No. 16 on the goal-kick, and No. 17 on the corner-kick, and after instancing the various infringements, official decisions, punishments and points in relation to the Law on Offside, Mr. Silva dealt on co-operation between referees and linesmen.

It was also announced that Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the Association, would give his final lecture on the whole laws of the game for revision purposes at the next meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.



FOR THIS THEY GAVE UP BASEBALL . . . Men of the U.S.S. Mindanao try their hands at cricket. Third slip finds it puzzling. Apart from the fact that the slips are on the leg side, the wicket-keeper adopts a baseball catcher's stance, the batsman wields the willow like a baseball bat, and the next man in doesn't anticipate a long wait (sitting on the field behind the batsman) . . . apart from that, this is a cricket picture.—Ming Yuen.

National Records Shattered

Three Lai Tsun Swimmers Better 400-metres Time

Women's Breast-stroke Mark Broken

(By "Tinker")

WERE PROOF NEEDED of the improved standard of swimming in Hongkong, the trail of broken China National records at the Hongkong Chinese swimming championships would provide it. The Meet was one of two days, last night being the final half.

On Saturday, the first day, three records went by the board—the women's 100 metres backstroke, the men's 100 metres free-style, and the 1,500 metres free-style (which was bettered by Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun)—and yesterday two further marks were shattered—the women's 200 metres breast-stroke, and the men's 400 metres free-style (again by the Lai Tsun trio).

Shattered is the right word, for not one of these marks was broken by fractions of a second but, as in the men's 400 metres, by as much as 10.6 seconds!

Miss Li Po-luen, the brilliant South China A.A. breast-stroke champion, was responsible for the women's record last night, clipping no less than 7.7 seconds off the 1935 record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king.

Though all races were in metres, in order to conform with the length of the V.R.C. pool, the 400 metres free-style relay was made one of 400 yards, and the men's 50 metres free-style was made 50 yards.

Apart from the swimming, one of the noticeable features of the gala was the quiet and orderly manner in which it was conducted. Immediately following the results of each race, judges walked up and handed in their results and walked away again. The official platform was not crowded with non-competing swimmers, and the whole was most efficient.

The Events

THE OPENING EVENT was the men's 400 yards free-style relay. Throughout it was a race between Lai Tsun (Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming and Yau Sai-kwan) and Sing Tao (Wong Tai-hung, Ng Nin, Tsui Wai-lam and Shek Kam-pui).

From the very start, Sing Tao went into the lead, and after Ng Nin had completed his lap they were some 10 yards ahead. Yau Sai-kwan, however, caught up considerably for Lai Tsun and reduced the deficit, finally losing by about four yards. Shek Kam-pui, Sing Tao's last man, was obviously taking it rather easy, for he had yet several events in which to swim.

First Record

THEN came the first of the broken records. Miss Li Po-luen walked away with the women's 200 metres breast-stroke title, practically doubling her lead over every 50 yards.

She eventually finished about half the bath in the fore, and her time of 3 mins. 30.8 secs. bettered the National record.

Miss Ho Wai-ling offered a challenge for the first 100 yards, but then dropped back to take second place.

Back-stroke Race

THE MEN'S 100 metres back-stroke was a very fine race. Chan Kam-cheung got home by 0.2 of a second, while Lau Yiu-ling was only 0.6 of a second ahead of Shek Kam-pui. To the spectator it seemed that there was only a touch in it.

Over the first 50 yards, Lau Yiu-ling was a foot or two in the lead, with Shek Kam-pui about the same distance ahead of Chan Kam-cheung. They maintained this order down the third length, and then Chan commenced his great spurt that gradually pushed himself to the front. Shek Kam-pui and Lau Yiu-ling staged a great fight, the latter getting the decision by a touch.

Easy Win

MISS HO WAI-KING had an easy victory in the women's 50 yards free-style, but there was a keen tussle between Miss Mok Sum-lan and Miss Si Wai-ying for second.

Novelty Race

THE GALA being in aid of Orthopaedic Centres of Free China, there was a raffle on the numbers on the programmes—the prize being a water-polo ball.

It was conducted on the lines of a Race Meeting, each of the four starters in the men's 50 yards free style carrying a number.

Tsui Hang was the favourite and won hands down in 25.2 seconds. Chan King-pong took second place 1.4 seconds behind.

Record Breaking Trio

LAI TSUN provided their record breaking trio—Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—for the men's 400 metres free-style, and it was a pleasure to see the way in which they swept up and down the pool always in line. From the first to the last the order was the same as that of the finish, there never being more than a yard separating the three over the first 350 yards.

Final Event

THE FINAL EVENT was another walk-over for Miss Li Wai-ling. She took first place in the women's 400 metres free-style in 7 mins 23.2 secs, 10.4 secs ahead of Miss Leung Oi-mui.

The lead, however, was only established over the last lap or so, for up till then Miss Leung had kept up very well with Miss Ho.

Results

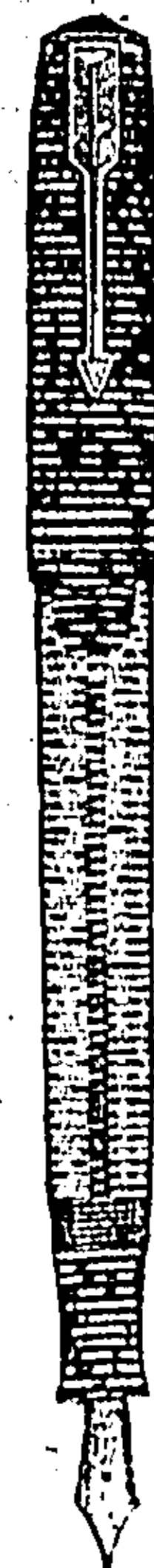
Mr. Tse Yue-chuen, Chairman of South China Athletic Association and Chinese Bathing Club, presented the prizes.

Results:
Men's 400 yards free-style relay—1. Sing Tao (Wong Tai-hung, Ng Nin, Chu Wai-lam, Shek Kam-pui); 2. Lai Tsun; 3. Eastern. Time, 4 mins 4 secs.
Women's 200 metres breast-stroke—1. Li Po-luen (South China); 2. Ho Wai-ling (C. N. C.); 3. Sum Wai-yung (Residents). Time, 3 mins 30.8 secs. (Chinese national record).

Men's 100 metres back-stroke—1. Chan Kam-cheung (Lai Tsun); 2. Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao); 3. Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Tsun). Time, 1 min. 23 1/2 secs.
Women's 50 yards free-style—1. Ho Wai-king (C. N. C.); 2. Mok Sum-lan (Lai Tsun); 3. Si Wai-ying (Lai Tsun). Time, 32 secs.

Men's 50 yards free-style—1. Tsui Hang (Lai Tsun); 2. Chan King-pong (Y.M.C.A.); 3. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun). Time, 25 1/2 secs.
Women's 400 metres free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun). Time, 7 mins 23.2 secs.
Men's 100 metres back-stroke—1. Chan Kam-cheung (Lai Tsun); 2. Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao); 3. Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Tsun). Time, 1 min. 23 1/2 secs.
Water-polo (selected teams)—Blacks beat Whites 5-2.

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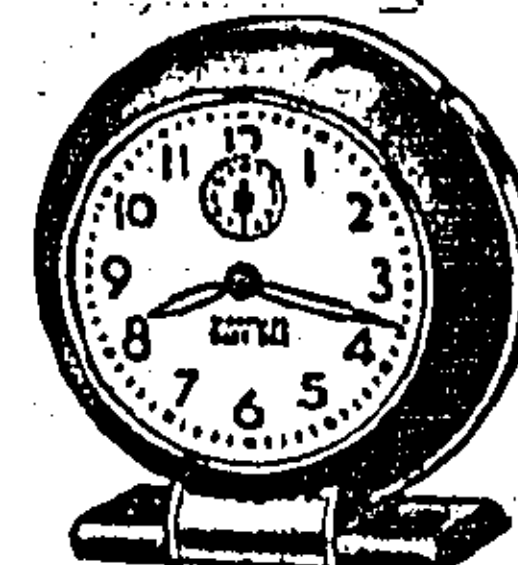
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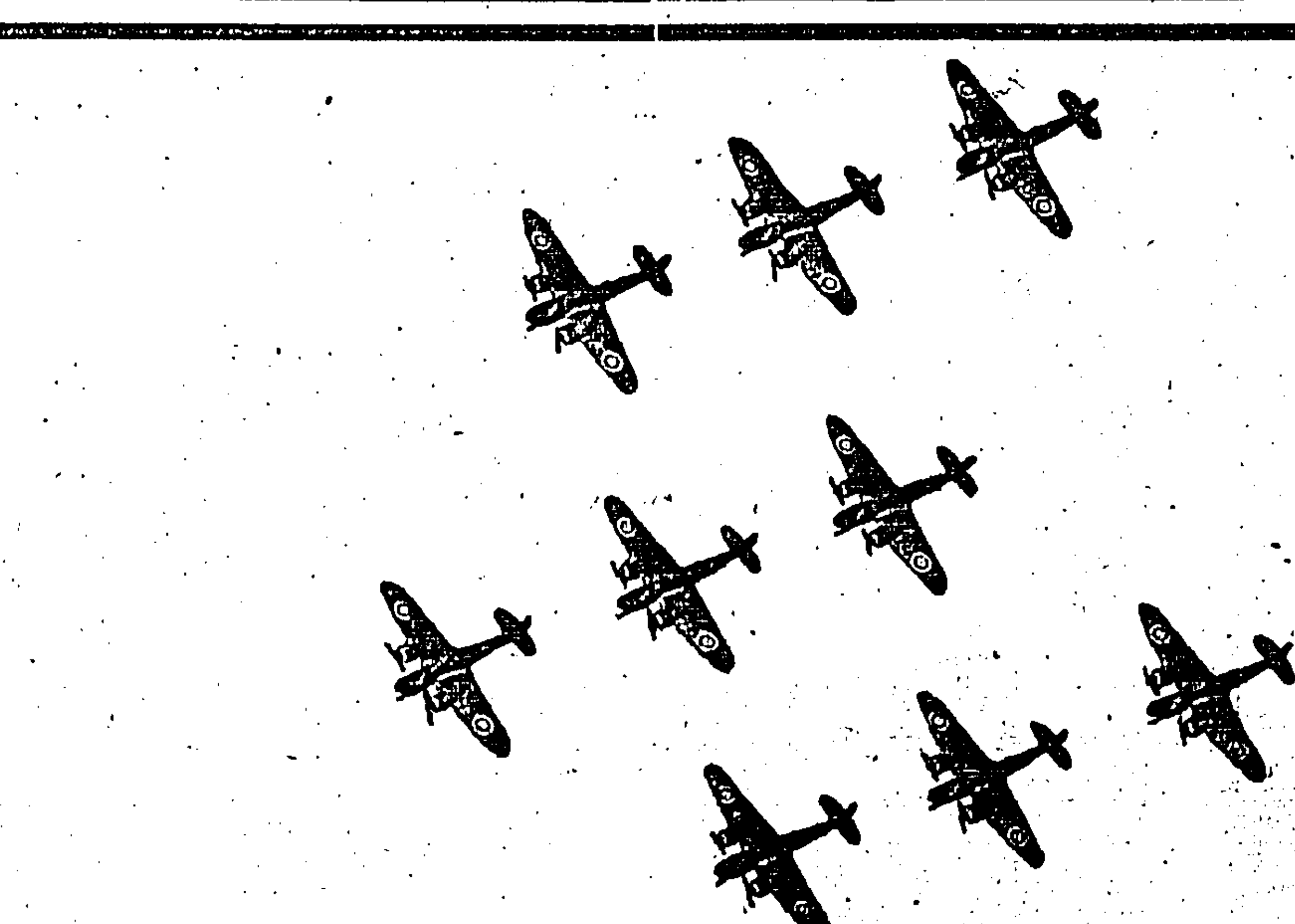
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THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be the race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

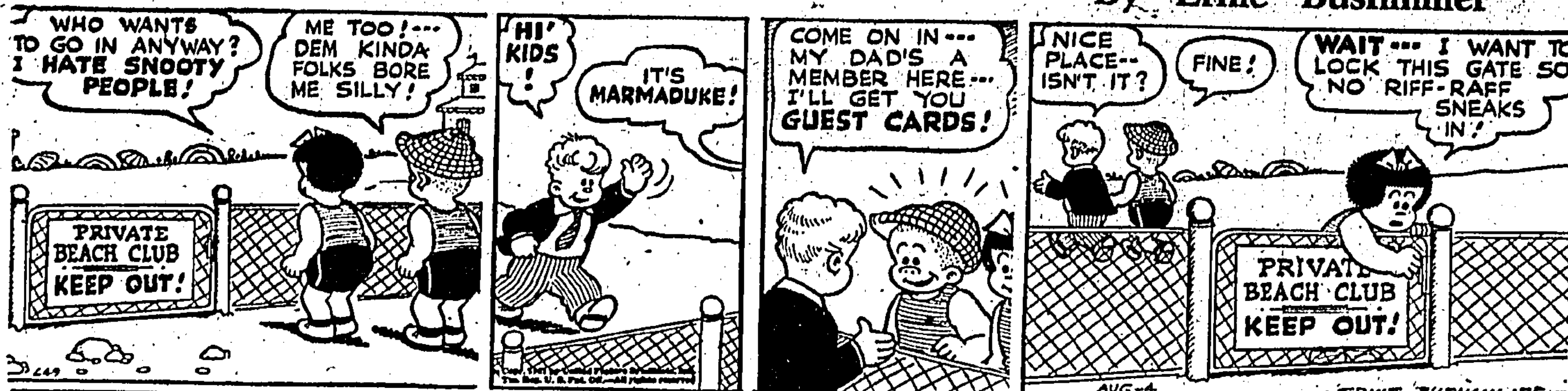
A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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V SIGN—This is Prime Minister Churchill's own way of giving V for Victory sign. He is giving it in response to cheers of crowd of another ship, as he leaves Iceland, following meeting with President Roosevelt.

NEW AIR ROUTE TO AFRICA

Pan American Airways' new air route across the South Atlantic and through Africa to the Middle East, announced recently by President Roosevelt, will take over and co-ordinate for more speedy and efficient operation two recently organised services, one British and the other American, covering the same route.

The new Pan American route will go from New York City (with Baltimore as alternative) to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Port of Spain, Trinidad, to Belem and Natal, Brazil. Then it will hop 1,800 miles—more than the span from Newfoundland to Ireland—across the Atlantic to Monrovia, Liberia (Bathurst, Gambia and Freetown, Sierra Leone as alternates), will hug the hump of Africa as far as Nigeria, then cut across the Khartoum and perhaps eventually to Cairo.

This route will nowhere pass through the zone of actual warfare. The transport service will supplement the ferry service by returning ferry personnel and carrying spare plane parts and items essential to effective delivery of aircraft to the Middle East. This route will also be available for general commercial use, providing direct air service from New York or Baltimore to Africa.

London's Firemen In Thick Of War

By William Downs

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Sept. 21 (UP).—The man with only half his face left received 50 good American dollars to tide him over—the widow the two children got another \$50—the man who had lost his nerve was given \$25 to pay his back-rent with some left over for spending.

The awards were made at a meeting of the executive committee of the London Firemen's Benevolent Fund, organised to care for the injured and dependents of the men who have kept London from being burned to the ground a hundred times.

More than \$35,000 has been given the fund by the British War Relief Society of America—some \$15,000 of this was presented in the name of the International Association of Fire Fighters in Washington, D.C. There can be no assessment of the value of these contributions which Gilbert H. Carr, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the relief society, said were presented as an expression of "American admiration for the heroic work done by London firemen."

"Heroic" seems a pretty weak term to apply to the men who have fought some of the biggest blazes in history. Since the Battle of Britain they have stood in the front lines fighting fires under conditions which would test the courage of these firemen.

One look at any of the men forced by injuries to seek funds from the benevolent society will convince anyone that fighting fires in war-time London is more than merely squirting water on the blaze. Firemen have been forced to throw themselves into smoking liquid asphalt to avoid being blown to bits when German raiders drop high explosives into the raging fires that their incendiaries have started.

Severe Injuries

That was what happened to Albert C. Bush, 29-year-old fireman, on December 29, 1940, when the Germans dropped tons of thousands of fire bombs on the City of London. Bush, who only recently was released from hospital, is not a pretty sight. The left side of his face is a mass of raw, red scars. His mouth is drawn into an ugly grimace. Part of his ear is missing. The muscles of his left hand have been shrivelled by heat until the fingers are drawn into a knot—he said doctors may still have to amputate two of them. His other wrist is branded by a livid scar.

Bush is not a man to feel sorry for himself. He may be able to have plastic surgery to restore part of his face after the war when doctors have time. When he walked into the committee room he matter-of-factly said he needed funds to pay his bills and aid in the support of his wife who is working in an ammunition factory.

"After a while I'll be ready to come back to work on some sort of light job—then we'll see if I can do heavy work later." The committee agreed.

Bush said he was injured in a narrow street near Paternoster Row. "The whole street was alight. I was trying to get to a blaze just beginning in a large paper factory but it was impossible. I heard a bomb coming down and fell on the street. When it exploded I got up and ran—then I passed out."

Another Victim

A. J. Newton, a little fellow who used to work the high platform

ladder, also was recently released from a hospital. He limped into the committee room using a cane. On his vest was the Mons Medal he won in the last war—but it was the battle of the flames that injured him so that he probably will never be able to work again.

Newton is still undergoing electrical treatments and massages in an effort to restore strength to his body, which was so broken doctors gave up all hope of his recovery until he made flaps of them and just got well.

He was standing harnessed to the turn-table atop a 70-foot ladder pouring water into a fire when a heavy bomb exploded nearby. He was blown from the ladder onto the debris. When they picked him up, they found that he had a fractured pelvis, nine broken ribs, a broken knee and ankle and several fractured vertebrae. He was given a \$20 monthly grant.

Mrs. Grace Lillard, who was left to support two children when her husband was killed six months ago, calmly discussed his death with the committee.

Thanking them for the money she already had received. When her husband was killed by a bomb, the benevolent fund paid her \$35 with an additional \$20 monthly for each child. These funds reached their six-month termination period and the committee extended the grants for another six months.

Driver's Experience

But perhaps the most pitiful plea put before the group was made by a captain of an East End fire squadron, asking for funds for one of his men.

"This man has too much imagination to be a good fireman," the captain said, "but he has been one of the bravest in the lot and something should be done for him."

The captain said the fireman in question was a driver. "The trouble started when a fire post in which he was waiting to be called into action was hit by a heavy bomb. More than 20 of his friends were killed—but miraculously he came out without a scratch. A couple of days later another bomb hit near his truck. The truck was overturned and several men were hurt—but again he was spared."

"After that, the driver lost his nerve. He is all right in the day time, but as soon as darkness falls he just goes to pieces. Like other men I have seen he cries when the bombs start to fall. He is determined to be a driver—he is a changed man. Even after three weeks in a rest home, I'm sure we can never use him as a driver again."

The driver was called into the room. He went out smiling and \$25 richer. The committee promised to give him light work to do "until you can get back on your feet and can go to driving again."

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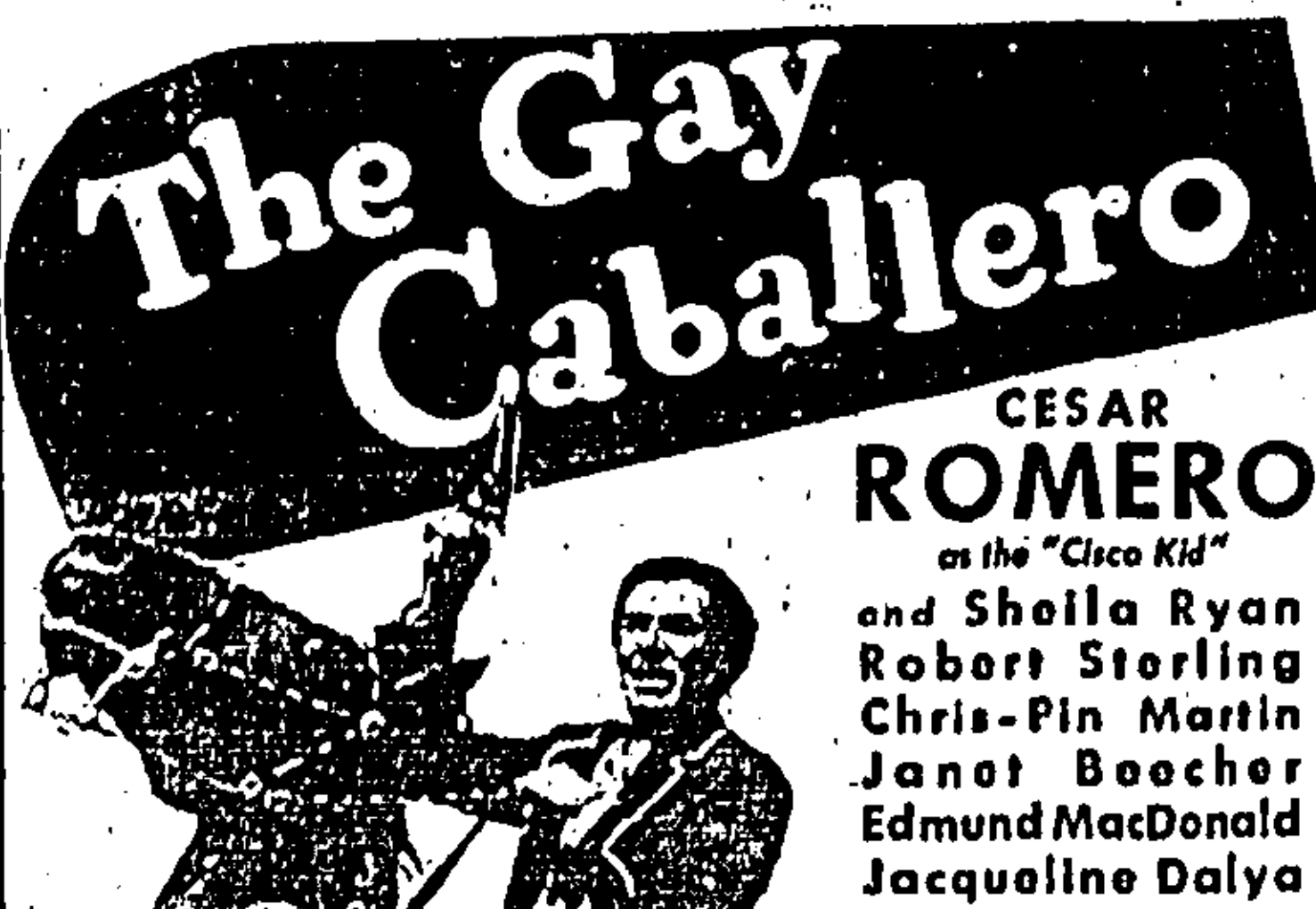
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Savage Fighting In Progress

FROM PAGE ONE

official Italian news agency wired to-night that Marshal Badoglio had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Dnieper River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.

Hungarian Communiqué
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—The Hungarian General Staff to-night issued a communiqué saying:

"The Soviet forces that escaped encirclement east of the Dnieper are being pursued towards the east. Their rearwards are attempting a counter-attack but liaison between the different units seems to have been broken and resistance weakening. This suggests that the Soviet Command has renounced its efforts to continue the fighting between the Dnieper and the Dniestr and is concentrating on organising its retreating forces behind the latter river."

"Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

Advance On Odessa
VICHY, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—Italian Press reports state that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidopolis, 25 miles southwest of Odessa, after heavy fighting, and are now advancing to the coast towards Odessa.

Ovidopolis is at the mouth of the river Dniestr, which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

German Boasting
BERLIN, Sept. 22 (UPI).—Competent German sources to-night reported the sinking or damaging of 27 Soviet ships including 16 warships, and the destruction of 30 Soviet divisions of approximately 300,000 troops in the systematic crushing of four Red armies who are trapped east of Kiev.

Informed sources said that in a pocket east of Kiev, a unit of the German tank corps destroyed twenty Soviet tanks including six 52-tonners, two 44-tonners and ten 32-tonners.

According to the official news agency, approximately 30 Soviet divisions have thus far been destroyed east of Kiev and the Soviet forces are claimed to be in a state of greatest confusion. Although the names of places are lacking in the German reports, they outline a picture similar to those after the completion of the encirclement of Rostov, Minsk, Smolensk and Uman.

Other German quarters indicated that operations east of Poltava are progressing and inferred that the important military and industrial centre of Kharkov might soon be directly threatened.

Authorised circles stated that the ring is drawing steadily tighter around Leningrad and other actions are progressing along the whole front.

Island Landing Claimed
STOCKHOLM, Sept. 22 (UPI).—The newspaper "Afton Bladet," quoting a Russian radio station said that after the occupation of Arensburg, German forces landed on Dage Island. It is reported that bitter fighting is going on both Dage and the greater part of Oesel where the Germans so far have not succeeded in beating the desperate Soviet resistance.

Australian Banks
SYDNEY, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—As from to-day, the fixed deposit rates of Australian banks have been reduced by a further 60d per cent per annum, making an aggregate reduction of 15s per cent since the outbreak of the war.

The new rates are 3 months 1½%, 6 months 1¾%, one year 2% and two years 2½%.

LATE NEWS

Chungking Scorn For Germans

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (Central News).—On behalf of the Chinese Government, the Minister of Publicity, Dr Wang Shih-chieh stated at his Press Conference this afternoon: "Military reports from the Eastern front of Europe have aroused and continue to heighten unqualified admiration among the Chinese for the valor and the patriotism of the Soviet soldiers and people."

"In the past week, Kiev has been subjected to violent mass attacks. But whatever vicissitudes any particular war area may experience, the broad fact remains that the Nazi blitzkrieg has already proved a failure in Russia. German losses are reported to be very heavy, while the morale and strength of the Soviet Army remain high."

"The German propaganda that the Soviet Army could be liquidated within a few weeks is now being ridiculed all over the world, just as the Japanese claim four years ago that they could finish the so-called 'China Incident' within three months."

Exiled Greek Government In London
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—The King and Queen drove to Euston Station to meet King George of Greece to-night. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr Winston Churchill, Mr Anthony Eden and other members of the Government were also present.

A large crowd welcomed the Greek King with cheers.

PETAUN ROUNDLY CONDEMNED
NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—The first New York press comment on Marshal Petaun's broadcast yesterday is a biting condemnation of the speech which a writer in the news paper "PM" calls a "Blot on the history of France's leadership."

It adds: "He insulted the French people. No one need wonder any more. The second Battle of France is the fight against France's Fuehrer, Petaun, as well as against Hitler. Being should look at France's history. He would find out that it is a French tradition to attack the enemies of France and to fight against tyranny."

ITALIAN LINERS SUNK
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was destroyed by the blast. Another ship was hit by bombs several times and the crew immediately abandoned ship which was left in a mass of flames.

"On Saturday, one heavily laden merchant ship off Kerkenna was bombed, set afire and left sinking."

Message of Hope
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—In a message to the British people on the occasion of his arrival with King George of Greece in Britain, the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Emmanuel Tsouderos, said:

"We are extremely happy to find ourselves here among the British people where we intend to carry on to the very end this struggle at the side of the British against the Nazi and Fascist tyrants of Europe. We are going to build up our resources to continue this fight until victory, of which I am confident. It is impossible to say how long we shall stay here. We are tremendously proud to come to London, the capital not only of the British Empire but of all freedom-loving peoples."

Frenchmen Brave Channel In Canoe
To Join De Gaulle

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—Five young Frenchmen, who escaped from France in a frail canoe and struggled for 30 hours in the Channel, landed at Eastbourne last week. They were received to-day by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill and Mrs Churchill at the Prime Minister's official residence, No. 10 Downing Street.

The Frenchmen were still clad in a variety of clothing. One wore white duck trousers and a pair of wood sabots. Another wore blue shorts. The others wore golf jackets and plus fours still showing evidence of their daring voyage across the Channel.

Mr Churchill gave the toast, "Vive la France."

Later the visitors left to join General de Gaulle's Free French Force.

SINO-BURMESE IMMIGRATION
RANGOON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—An agreement on various important points relating to Chinese immigration into Burma was reached at a conference between the Chinese and Burmese delegations to-day.

The points are not detailed in the communiqué which, however, states that they are subject to acceptance by the two governments and to an agreement being reached on the remaining two points.

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Incredible Damage On Soviet Front

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of the Germans, formed into forced labour gangs and sent to the German rear, and nobody knows what has happened to them. But some escaped into the woods and managed to reach the Russian lines while others are still trickling back though there is nowhere in the town left to live.

When the Germans decided to evacuate the town on the night of September 4, they ordered the remaining few hundred inhabitants, mostly old people and children, to assemble inside the church, which then was locked up. Before leaving the town, the Germans systematically set fire to every house which had so far escaped destruction and it was into this burning inferno that Russian troops re-entered.

Terror Raid
I travelled to-day along the road where the Germans retreated before abandoning Yelnya. I started in the morning from Dorogobuzh, which has never been in German hands, but which was almost completely destroyed by terror raids during July. It was uneasy driving in the darkness through an unknown town with the silhouettes of nothing but burnt-out houses with the sky skulking through all the windows—like skulls instead of faces.

After wading through deep mud, I at last reached an army hut where I was given supper by the local commander and put on heaps of straw.

This morning I drove across a town that looked like a devastated piece of Slepny.

The army was generally taking care of people whose homes had been burned. But in the villages around, life seemed to go on strangely normally despite the fact that many thousands of roofs had been blown away by the blast and numerous craters in the roadsides.

No Man's Land
There were pigs, geese and hens on the road. But things were different after entering the country which is either no man's land or occupied by Germans who have systematically destroyed or taken away all the livestock which there was no time to evacuate before they arrived.

In no man's land one of the fiercest battles was fought in wide fields of over-ripe flax and rye still uncut. I got to the village which was the centre of this battle. Nothing is left but a few burned stumps. Called Ushakov it stands on an advantageous height overlooking a semi-circle of woods a couple of miles distant which was held by the Russians. The Germans made this village their stronghold.

Russian Assault
It was the Russians who advanced step by step digging themselves in as they came forward during several weeks from three directions until the Germans were forced to withdraw.

The allotments round one of the Ushakov are labyrinths of German trenches. Some 500 yards distant are the lines, rapidly constructed by night, of the Russian trenches and in between these are indentations where the advancing Russian soldiers ducked when approaching the German lines.

The terrain occupied by the Germans is like a lunar landscape with shell craters proving the accuracy of the Russian artillery. The fierceness of the fight is shown by the large mound fenced off and decorated with fir branches and wild flowers where hundreds of Russian soldiers were buried.

Mourful Scene
The German bodies which filled numerous shell-holes are now covered up. Around this mournful scene, the uncut rye fields and potato patches grown in a now non-existent village, whips the autumn rain. The ground is littered with the remains of German equipment, newspapers, tin hats and even private letters still legible despite the rain.

There is also wreckage of a German armoured car and the carcass of a horse.

A couple of miles north was the German observation post, a quarry sliced into the side of a hillock with well made galleries and dug-outs furnished with furniture stolen from the villages. Above it were the German artillery positions. It was a strong point protected by a stream and the construction and equipment left the impression of great thoroughness and efficiency. The position was hastily abandoned when the bottleneck to the west threatened to close altogether.

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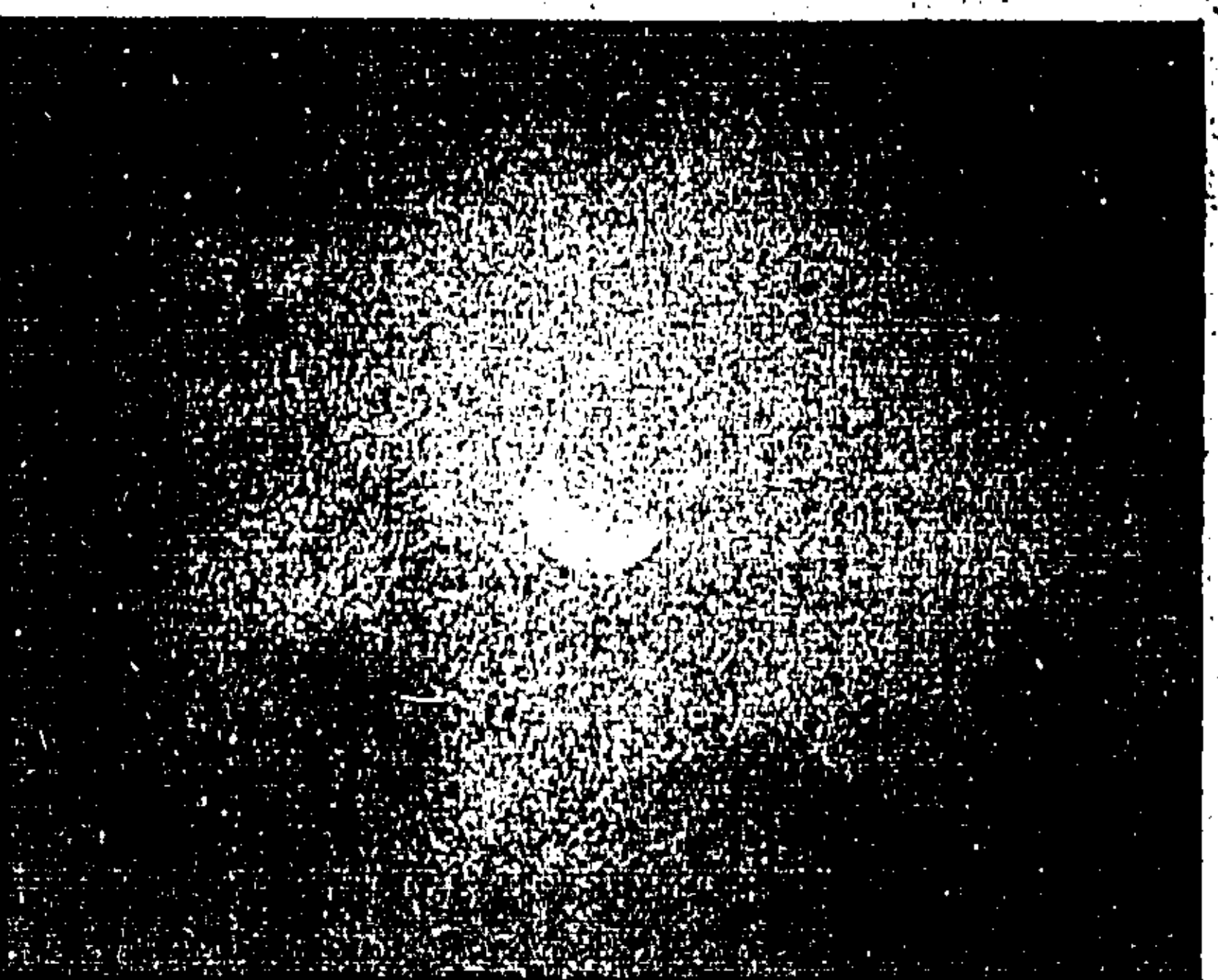
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Another American ship has been sunk in the Atlantic.
The State Department officially announced to-day that the Government-owned ship, Pink Star (6,859 tons) was attacked in waters around Iceland and sunk.
She was flying the Panamanian flag.
This is the fourth American merchant ship to be sunk by the Axis, the three previous ones being the Montana, the Sessa and the Steel Seafarer.

SAVAGE FIGHTING IN PROGRESS: ORDERED RETREAT BY BUDENNY

LONDON, SEPT. 22 (REUTER).—FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED BY MOSCOW AND THE GERMAN REPORT THAT THE CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE IS IN A STATE OF "INDESCRIBABLE DEVASTATION", INTEREST IS TO-DAY FOCUSED UPON THE SAVAGE FIGHTING WHICH IS PROCEEDING EAST OF THE CITY.
HERE REGULARS OF THE SOVIET ARMY, SUPPLEMENTED BY DETACHMENTS OF THE HOME GUARD, ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING A GALLANT REARGUARD ACTION. REPORTS OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS FIGHTING ARE KEENLY AWAITED. MEANWHILE THE GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE ANNIHILATED LARGE BODIES OF TROOPS IN THIS AREA AND TO HAVE TAKEN 150,000 PRISONERS.

Colony Sees Solar Eclipse

Although the morning was overcast and disappointed thousands who patiently waited to see the eclipse on Sunday, there were moments when the phenomenon could be observed as this picture, taken by the New China News-photos, testifies.



Purchase & Sale of Sleepers Evidence at A.R.P. Inquiry

Evidence of the purchase and sale of thousands of railway sleepers was given this morning when the inquiry into matters relating to the architectural office of the Air Raid Precautions Department was resumed, after an interval of three days.

King Boris To Make Fateful Decision

ANKARA, Sept. 22 (UP).—Turkish political circles report that King Boris of Bulgaria has either arrived at Hitler's headquarters or is about to leave for a most important conference.
It is believed these talks will precede a rupture within the next few days of Bulgarian-Russian relations and possibly a declaration of war against Russia.

NO STRIKE AT STEAM LAUNDRY

The threatened strike at the Steam Laundry Company did not materialise this morning.
Instead all of the employees, with the exception of a few members of the committee representing the workers' interests, reported for duty at the usual time and, according to the manager of the company, the situation is normal.
Yesterday afternoon representatives of the Steam Laundry employees interviewed the Labour Officer, Mr B. C. Hawkins, requesting his intervention for the reinstatement of workers who had been dismissed from the company, but the Labour Officer informed them that he was not in a position to do anything.
Later in the evening the entire laundry staff were addressed by the company's manager.

"VANGUARD OF VICTORY"

South Africans At War
PRETORIA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Copies of "The Vanguard of Victory", the official book on the South African campaign in East Africa, are being sent by Field Marshal Smuts, South African Prime Minister, to Mr Winston Churchill, Queen Wilhelmina, President Roosevelt, Prime Ministers of the other Dominions, the Viceroy of India and the Commanders-in-Chief of the British armed forces.
Mr Churchill's copy will be accompanied by the following message from Field Marshal Smuts:
"You said to Mussolini, 'we will tear your empire to shreds and tatters.' South African forces have helped in doing so. I am sending you this booklet telling you how we did it."
To Queen Wilhelmina, Field Marshal Smuts says: "My dearest wish is that the glorious victories of our sons and daughters, worthy descendants of two great freedom-loving peoples, may also be the forerunners of the eventual liberation of your fatherland."
Field Marshal Smuts sent a copy of the book with a personal message to every South African who participated in the campaign, and Mrs Smuts is sending a copy with a personal message to the relatives of every casualty in the campaign.

Wants-Bulgarian-Unity

SOFIA, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Premier, M. Filov, addressing the directors and leaders of numerous Bulgarian professions to-day, appealed for unity and a fight against Communism.
The press and radio simultaneously attacked Bolshevism. One radio commentator asserted that the Bulgarians should distinguish between the Czarists and the present regimes and concluded with a plea for a fight against Communism.

No State of Siege

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by Rome Radio.
(Another Radio on Friday last described it as a "state of emergency".)

100 NAZI PLANES DOWNED

MOSCOW, Sept. 23 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:
"On September 22, our troops fought the enemy along the entire front.
"One hundred German planes were destroyed on September 20, including 28 brought down in air combats and 72 destroyed on aerodromes. We lost 21 aircraft."

Hope For U.S.-Japan Talks Not Yet Dead

SHANGHAI, Sept. 22 (UP).—Despite Mr Cordell Hull's repeated refusals to discuss the Japanese-American "exploratory talk," diplomatic sources here insist that parallel negotiations are still continuing at Tokyo and Washington which are aimed at establishing a basis from which the two nations can proceed into a more concrete stage, aimed at eventual rapprochement.
The "United Press" has learned from the utmost reliable sources that leaders in Tokyo last week fully anticipated that the preliminary stage of the negotiations was on the verge of being passed which would open the way for further negotiations.
What constituted the preliminary stage is not entirely clear; however, these sources believed that they envisaged a broad general statement on the part of the two nations, the chief of which would be the announcement of Japan's willingness to forego further aggression northward and southward, and pledge open negotiations aimed at a settlement of the China war.

SERIOUS BLOW

But Loss Of Kiev Is Not Knock-out

WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST"

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It would be idle to deny that the loss of Kiev is a serious blow. The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general or those of Marshal Budenny in particular.
It shows that if a determined commander is prepared to pay the price he can achieve very considerable successes, but the price at Kiev must have been appallingly high and the question is bound to arise sooner or later: "How often will the Germans be able to afford it?"
With the conquest of each position, a new one seems to rear itself before the German advance and new armies appear which show the same undaunted resolution of those who have fallen back after inflicting a maximum of punishment on the enemy.

Sugaring The Pill

It is significant that the Germans seized the moment of the capture of Kiev to publish their first detailed list of the alleged losses in the first three months of the campaign. Although over 400,000 casualties are admitted, the figures are felt by experts to be ridiculously low and it is evident that the High Command waited for some success to sugar the pill before they dared to make any announcement.

Explosions In Home Factories

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—It is officially announced that one person was killed and three injured in a northwest factory explosion. The damage was slight and production was not affected.
Another explosion occurred in a Midlands factory causing serious fire but the large staff escaped without injury.

LATEST

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Orderly Withdrawal

In fact observers here take hope from the German reports considering that the thorough devastation inflicted on this holy Russian city indicates not only an orderly withdrawal of the armed forces but that Kiev's civilians were properly evacuated.

Budenny's New Line

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A special correspondent of the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Munitions Explosion In Bohemia

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—An important munitions works at Vlasin in Southern Bohemia has been destroyed as the result of a violent explosion, according to news reaching Czechoslovak circles in London, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The works were concerned with filling shelling cases with explosives. It is known that at least 50 Germans brought from the Reich to work in this factory are among the wounded now undergoing hospital treatment, but nothing is known as to the number killed.

Following the explosion, German troops immediately surrounded the wrecked buildings and investigation was started, but thus far this has proved quite fruitless.
At almost the same time, a power station at Trebenice was wrecked by another explosion, a great part of the buildings being destroyed.

Ex-Shah Disgorges Part Of Loot From Iranians

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

TEHERAN, Sept. 22.—Seven new Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Premier Furughi has presented to Parliament. The remaining four members were in the makeshift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Iranian military resistance.

The most important of the new Ministers are:
Foreign Affairs.—Ali Sahilli, former Minister of the Interior and at one time Ambassador to Kabul.
War Minister.—General Ahmed Nakhjavan, whose the Shah dismissed from the War Ministry and threw into prison when the "Cairo Fire" was ordered.

Minister of the Interior.—General Amonollah Jahanghani, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship.
Minister of Education.—Dr. Jass Sadig, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University.

The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong.
The two emissaries sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan have now returned, bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah cedes all his property in Iran to the Iranian people. The ex-Shah still retains his enormous wealth deposited in foreign banks, mostly in America, estimated by some Iranians to total nearly 2,450,000.
Allies Outside Teheran
SIMLA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communiqué issued here.
It says: "Owing to atmospheric disturbances communications with Iran and Iraq were subjected to interference in the last few days. It is now established that recent press and radio reports to the effect that Allied troops have occupied Teheran are incorrect. Allied forces are still encamped outside the city."

Wants Neutrality Act Altered

Mr Cordell Hull's Views

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated that he favours revision of the Neutrality Act.

Mr Hull recalled that when in 1935 the Act was passed, he had said that it was as likely to get the United States into war as to keep the United States out of war.

Deletion of the arms embargo from that Act, Mr Hull made clear, is not sufficient to clear the way for aid to Britain.

Asked whether there was undue pessimism regarding the plight of Russia, Mr Hull said that from the way the Russians were fighting there did not seem to be any pessimism over there.

Mr Hull also said that diplomatic negotiations were continuing in an effort to work out a settlement between Peru and Ecuador.

No Prediction

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull told newspapermen to-day that he had tried for some time to indicate that he believed that the Neutrality Act should be changed, but he declined to predict whether or when repeal or revision might be expected.

He declared that the Lend-Lease Act was based primarily on the doctrine of self-defence and it provided a way to go further as the necessities of defence increased.

Replying to a question whether another letter had been received by President Roosevelt from the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoze, Mr Hull said that he had no information about it.

First Shot

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull's statement is seen in Washington as the first shot in the campaign to get Congress to repeal what has now become a most hampering measure in connection with the development of the Administration's policy of aid to all countries fighting Naziism.

His report would enable the President not only to arm merchant ships but to send them to sea.

REPORTED ATTACK AT GIBRALTAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (UP).—In connection with the reported Italian attack on Gibraltar, it is recalled that Italy used the so-called suicide boats—one-man torpedo boats—in previous operations.

The small craft are usually launched at night time from larger warships and consist chiefly of a torpedo steered at the target at high speed. The pilot cuts loose shortly before the target is hit, hoping to be picked up.

Italian View

ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Italian assault units which entered Gibraltar harbour, it is reliably stated, were similar to those who attacked Malta on July 25. They were manned by two-man crews who steered the torpedo close to the objectives after which a detachable stern was unhooked and used as an outboard motorboat in which they tried to escape.

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LETTERS

Evacuation Representation Committee

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—As most of your readers will no doubt be aware through the medium of our advert. in your paper, the above Committee have called a General Meeting for Wednesday, 24th inst. when the attendance it is hoped will constitute a record.

This is an important meeting and certain decisions will have to be taken, therefore it is necessary that husbands who are affected by the deportation should be present to give effect to any decisions at which we may arrive.

Great prominence has recently been given to the arrival of more women in the Colony, and my Committee wish to make it quite clear that they have no quarrel with these arrivals; the system, and the principles involved, the injustices imposed on the loyal women who left at the Government's behest, and the individuals who are responsible for the discrimination are amongst those for which the sword of retribution has been unsheathed.

So in conclusion, my Committee would welcome the presence of wives who were originally deported to Australia in their views and experiences may be helpful to my Committee's efforts.

This I believe to be the view of the majority of the husbands as it is obvious to any even-thinking husband, that further antagonism to those who have returned will not enhance our cause one iota, and that to cause misery to others will not redress the cause of our own loneliness.

W. V. TAYLOR,
Honorary Secretary & Treasurer,
Evacuation Representation Committee.

Major Baseball

Dodgers Score Another Victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (UP).—Scoring another victory in the National League, Brooklyn Dodgers have moved further ahead in the table and have now eight points ahead of St. Louis Cardinals in the race for the League pennant.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn	10	8
Batteries—Davis, Owen	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0
Batteries—Melton, Hoerst; Warren	0	0
Boston	3	9
New York	5	9
Batteries—Hubbell; Odo	5	9
Boston	2	6
Batteries—Erickson, Javery; Mac	2	6
New York	10	0
Batteries—Koslo; Danning	10	0
DETROIT	11	18
Batteries—Benton, Thomas; Tebbets	11	18
Chicago	6	1
Batteries—Dickech, Humphries, Appleton; Turner	6	1
St. Louis	5	8
Batteries—Nigelling; Ferrell	5	8
Cleveland	0	7
Batteries—Feller, Krakauskas, Desautels; Hegan	0	7

League Table

Nationals	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	97	54	.647
St. Louis	94	53	.639
Cincinnati	84	69	.550
Pittsburgh	78	69	.529
New York	69	77	.473
Chicago	67	78	.461
Boston	61	89	.407
Philadelphia	41	100	.297
Americans	W	L	Pct.
New York	90	56	.616
Boston	89	58	.606
Chicago	73	79	.481
Cleveland	73	76	.490
Detroit	72	78	.480
Washington	67	86	.438
St. Louis	67	81	.453
Philadelphia	62	87	.416

SINO-BURMESE IMMIGRATION

RANGOON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—An agreement on various important points relating to Chinese immigration into Burma was reached at a conference between the Chinese and Burmese delegations to-day.

The points are not detailed in the communiqué which, however, states that they are subject to acceptance by the two governments on the remaining two points.

Frenchmen Brave Channel In Canoe To Join De Gaulle

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—Five young Frenchmen, who escaped from France in a frail canoe and struggled for 30 hours in the Channel, landed at Eastbourne last week. They were received to-day by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mrs. Churchill at the Prime Minister's official residence, No. 10 Downing Street.

The Frenchmen were still clad in a variety of clothing. One wore white duck trousers and a pair of wood sabots. Another wore blue shorts. The others wore golf jackets and their furs still showing evidence of their daring voyage across the Channel.

Mr. Churchill gave the toast, "Vive la France."

Later the visitors left to join General de Gaulle's Free French Force.

Our Battleships Repaired In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—The Navy Department announces that 12 British warships, including three battleships, have been in United States ports in addition to those mentioned a day or two ago. All 12 have now left again.

They were the battleships Resolution, Malaysia, and Rodney; the auxiliary cruiser, Southern Prince, Montclair, Bulolo, and Lullin; the corvettes Tulp and Clark; the destroyer Richmond and the armed merchant cruiser, Aurania.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai 400	4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 25 1/2
T.T. Singapore 52 1/2	4 m/s France 84 1/2
T.T. Japan 10 1/2	U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
T.T. India 32 1/2	U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.
T.T. U.S.A. 24 1/2	
T.T. Manila 40 1/2	
T.T. Batavia 40 1/2	
T.T. Bangkok 148	
T.T. Saigon 100	
T.T. France 107	
T.T. Switzerland 107	
T.T. Australia 1/6 1/4	

Chungking Scorn For Germans

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (Central News).—On behalf of the Chinese Government, the Minister of Publicity, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh stated at his Press Conference, this afternoon, "Military reports from the Eastern front of Europe have aroused and continue to heighten unqualified admiration among the Chinese for the valour and patriotism of the Soviet soldiers and people."

In the past week, Kiev has been subjected to violent mass attacks. But whatever vicissitudes any particular war area may experience, the broad fact remains that the Nazi blitzkrieg has already proved a failure in Russia. German losses are reported to be very heavy, while the morale and strength of the Soviet Army remain high.

The German propaganda that the Soviet Army could be liquidated within six to eight weeks is now being ridiculed all over the world, just as the Japanese claim four years ago that they could finish the so-called "China Incident" within three months.

Air Defence In India

LAHORE, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—A night-long black-out has been ordered for Lahore and 12 other towns in the Lahore division from October 5 to October 13 in connection with the forthcoming air defence exercises.

Contravention of the order will be punishable by imprisonment for six months and a fine.

Cheaper Press Telegrams

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—Rates for press telegrams within the British Empire are to be reduced from 2 1/4d. per word to 1d. per word. The new rate will apply from October 1 and will remain in force for the duration of the war.

PETAIN ROUNDLY CONDEMNED

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—The first New York press comment on Marshal Petain's broadcast yesterday is a biting condemnation of the speech which a writer in the newspaper "PM" calls a "Blot on the history of France's leadership."

It adds: "He insulted the French people. No one need wonder any more. The second Battle of France is the fight against France's Emperor, Petain, as well as against Hitler. Petain should take a look at France's history. He would find out that it is a French tradition to attack the enemies of France and to fight against tyranny."

Appreciation Of General Wavell

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—General Sir Archibald Wavell, C-in-C India, has been awarded the Military Cross of Virtuti Militari, which is the Polish equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

General Wavell had a Polish-Catholic Brigade under his command when he was C-in-C of the Middle East.

Australian Banks

SYDNEY, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—As from to-day, the fixed deposit rates of Australian banks have been reduced by a further .004 per cent per annum, making an aggregate reduction of 15s. per cent since the outbreak of the war.

The new rates are 3 months 1 1/4%, 6 months 1 1/4%, one year 1 1/4% and two years 2 1/4%.

League Basketball

S. CHINA BEAT "Y" FOR LEADERSHIP

Beating the Y.M.C.A. cagers in a hard-fought victory at Chinese "Y", Waterloo Road, yesterday, South China headed the League table and remained the only undefeated team.

In the first half both teams played hard for the lead. Although Y.M.C.A. at no time led the winners yet the score was never far apart. The score at the conclusion of the first half stood at 19-14 with South China leading.

The opening of the second stanza saw the losers within striking distance of South China. Y.M.C.A. gathered two consecutive shots to put them only three points behind their opponents.

The threat was soon over when South China put on full steam and left their opponents far behind. The final score was 44-25 in favour of South China.

Rough Game
The game was quite a rough one. Two players from each team were sent off for committing personal fouls.

The Y. cagers showed bad shooting form, missing many easy under-baskets. Their defence always left a gap open for the South China hoopers.

Opening Game
Lee Fook-kee, Lee Fook-choi, Luk Tak-chung, Chan Keng-yu, Sing Tao, So Pak-ling, Fong Yuk-shan, Lo On-shun.

As a curtain raiser to the exciting match, National University beat Youth 51-34.

In the first half the match was very closely contested with Youth always trailing. At the interval the winners led by only two points, the score being 20-18.

The second half saw Youth falling far behind and until the final whistle the varsity boys led by a comfortable margin.

National University—Yu Shiu-luen (13), Chan Siu-kai (11), Chan Shui-luk (13), Yu Siu-yin (6), Yip Fat-leung (7), Youth—Pun Yau-ming (4), Tam Siu-kong (4), Chan Siu-choi (2), Chan Siu-choi (2), Yip Chum-yin (3), Yip Kwok-chi (3).

League Table to Date

BURMA'S AIR FIELDS A LINK TO AID CHINA

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RANGOON, Sept. 22 (Reuters).—Increasing aid for China and greater mobility of the Royal Air Force in the east is expected to result from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing grounds in Burma.

Although built specifically for the extension of civil air lines in Burma it is expected that the new aerodromes will accelerate the transit of the growing flood of supplies for China arriving under the Lease-Lend procedure. They will also play their part in the defence of Burma should the necessity arise and will increase the mobility of the R.A.F.

In addition to the aerodromes and landing grounds already built, others are now building and still others are planned.

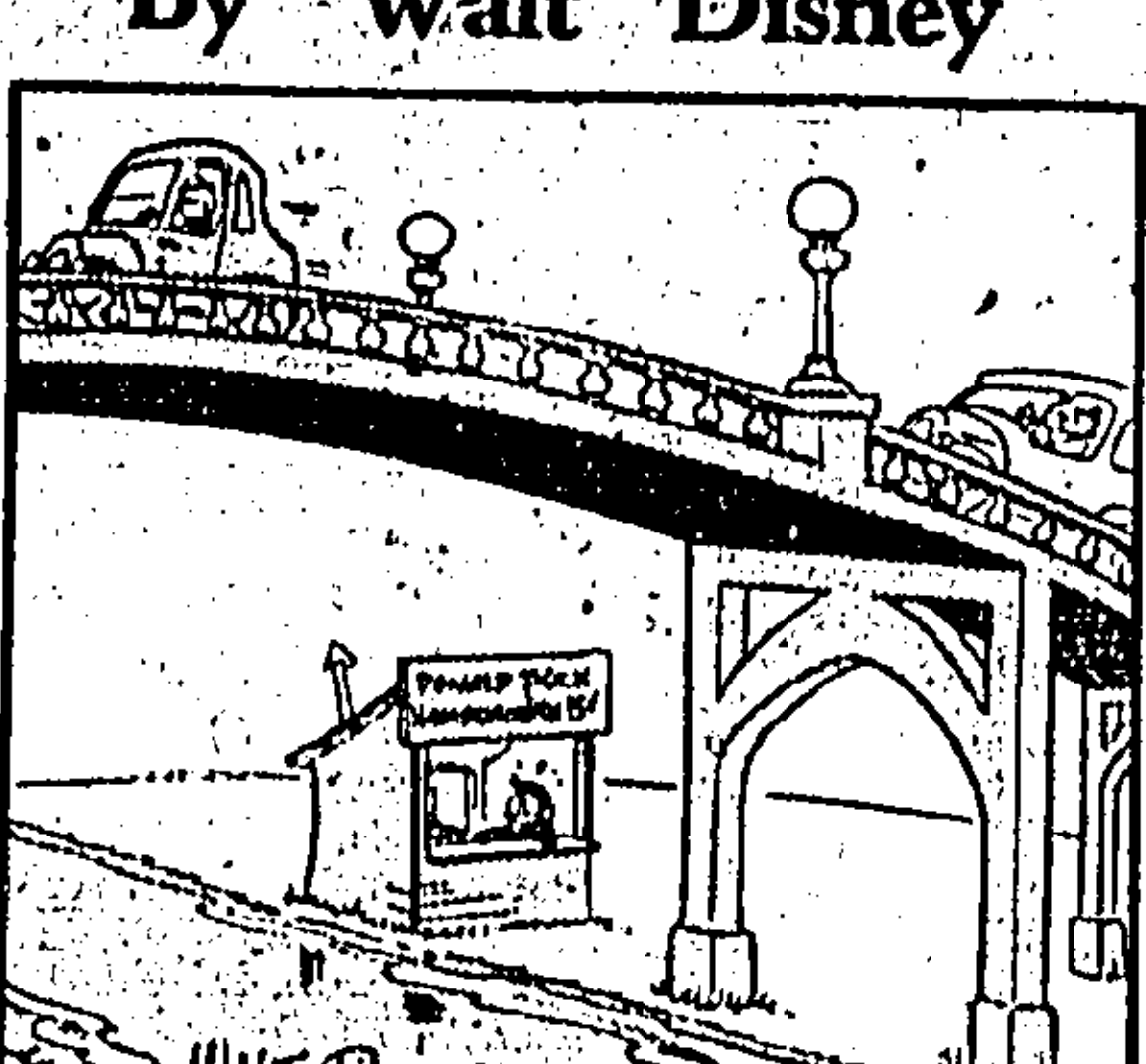
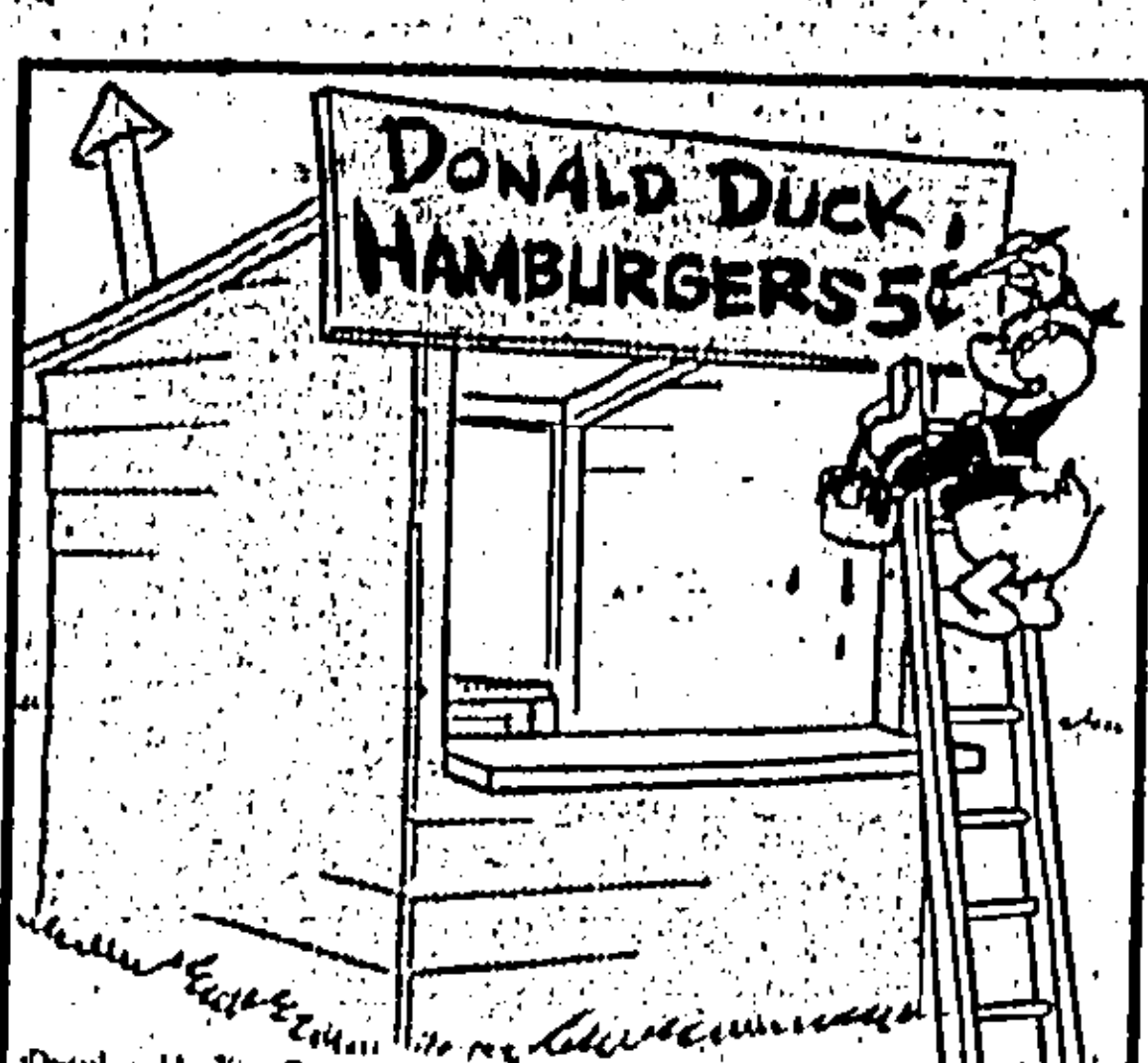
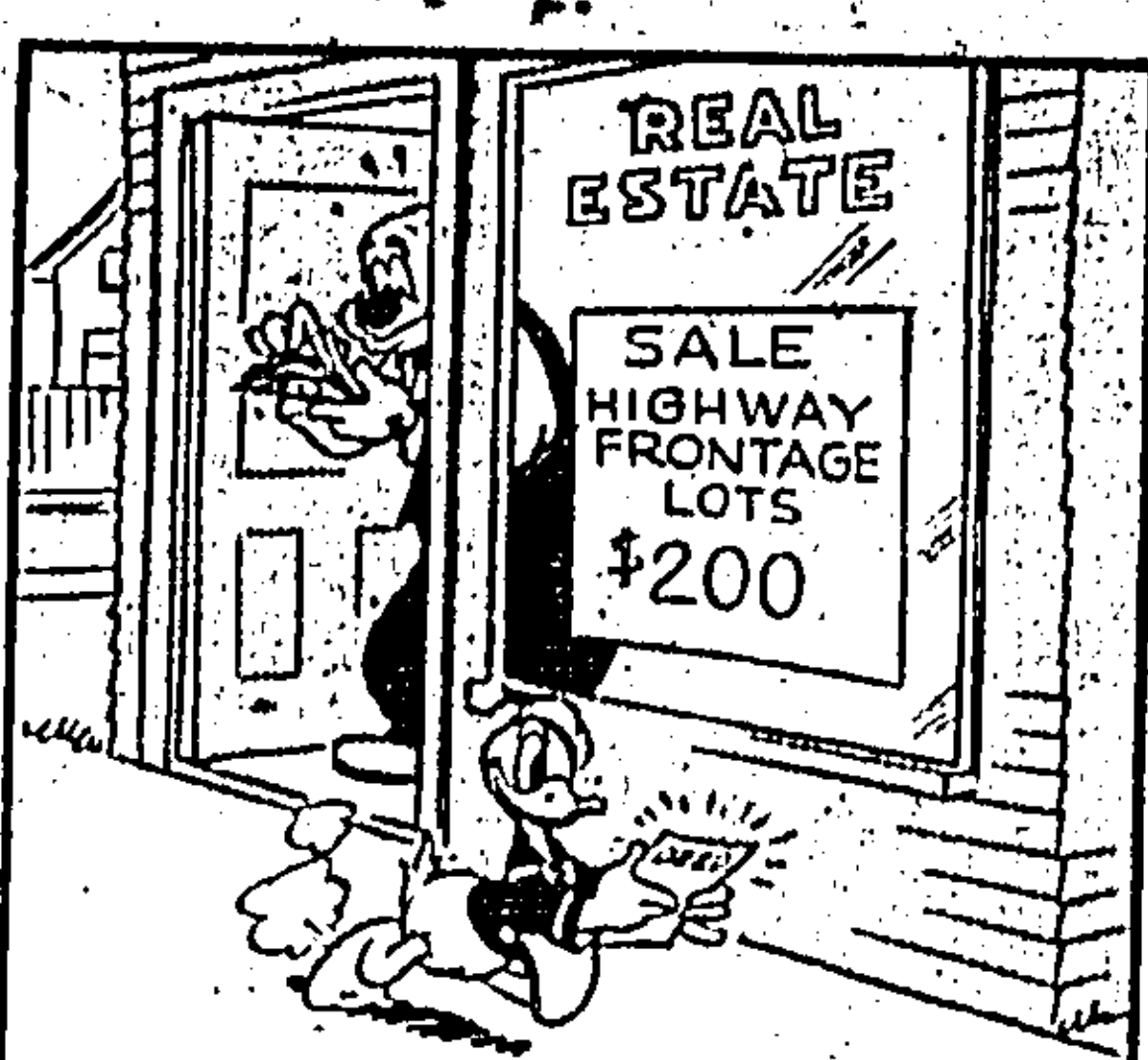
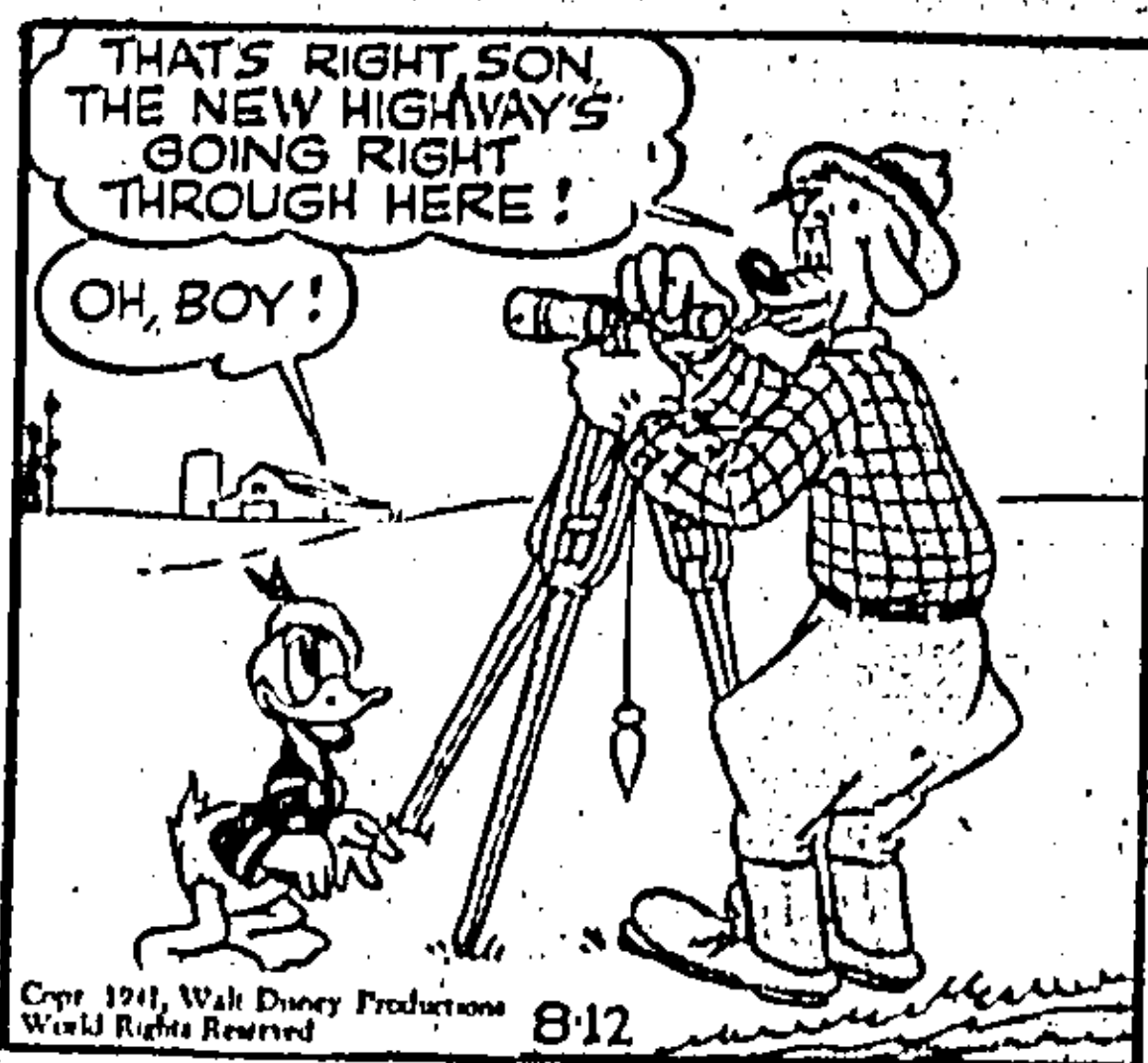
The British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, who has been touring Burma inspecting the country's air and other defences, has already covered hundreds of miles by motor car as well as by aeroplane. He witnessed demonstrations by one of the most modern and fastest fighters. Thereafter, accompanied by Lieut-General D. K. McLeod, the British C-in-C in Burma, he left for Lashio at the Burma end of the Burma-China Road.

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How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Eliminating a Guess

EXPERTS, who are notoriously conceited, are curiously modest in one single department, that is, the department of guesses. Indeed, they have so little confidence in their own ability to guess the position of a card, for example a queen, that they go to almost any length to avoid such a guess. Note the vast difference between experts and average players in the handling of a situation such as the following:

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K Q
♥ 9
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 5 4 3

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ 8 7

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ 8 7

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

The contract was sound and required only a little care. West opened the spade jack, dummy winning. The adverse clubs were cleaned up in two leads, and then declarer turned his attention to the one suit that offered a problem, namely the diamond suit. He led the low diamond to the ace and returned a diamond to his own hand. East unhesitatingly played the eight-spot, and declarer, after communicating with whatever spirits are consulting by habitual guessers, put in the ten. His advice had been bad in this case, because West pounced on the trick with the jack and shifted to a

To-morrow's Hand

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ 8 7

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ 8 7

How should East-West defend against three notrump?

ARCH-TRAITOR OF VICHY



Admiral Darlan

UNTIL the clash in Syria began, quite a few people—more perhaps across the Atlantic than in England—were inclined to give Vichy the benefit of the doubt. They took the view—more to the credit of their hearts than their heads—that probably Darlan was stalling for time; that he was accepting collaboration with Germany under duress; and that, in his own good time, he would turn upon the Nazis and bring France back into the fight for liberty that we are still waging for her.

But, in fact, there were plenty of signs that Darlan had definitely turned against us even before the fighting started in Syria. Apart from his uncomplaining acceptance of German tyranny and the bleeding white of her resources in foodstuffs and materials, there was ample evidence that he was prepared to go far beyond the bare minimum of collaboration that the Germans would force on him. The most savage measures of repression were taken in France and the Vichy colonies against anyone even faintly suspect of a warm corner in his heart for General de Gaulle and the Free French.

Surely only a man committed to the most abject surrender could find it in him to regard those who hold the spirit of national and elementary patriotism as deadly enemies.

Similarly, in his attitude towards the British he went far beyond what the Germans could legitimately have expected. Believe me, full allowance was made for the fact that France had been conquered by a country which rightly regarded Great Britain as her most dangerous enemy. It would have been no surprise to us, in view of this, if the Vichy Government had been cold but correct. But what we encountered was a bitter hostility, which has grown with every passing week and culminated in open fighting between the British and the French.

The explanation of Darlan's attitude is pretty clear. In the first place Darlan is a

sailor, and not a few French sailors—though by no means all, of course—have been brought up almost subconsciously in the tradition that, if Germany is the enemy by land, Great Britain is the enemy by sea. Setting aside the last war, most of the fighting France has done in the past at sea has in fact been against the British Navy. Any man in his senses, of course, would put all that aside in face of the eternal issue between France and Germany; and, in fact, I'm not suggesting that a long-standing hatred of the British Navy has been the cause of Darlan's hostility to us. But I am convinced that there is a perhaps subconscious background of traditional and professional enmity.

On top of that there was the unhappy affair at Oran, where we were obliged to fire on French warships because they would not place themselves in such a position that they would not fall into German hands. That, undoubtedly, did have a very strong effect on Darlan's mind. In fact, there is good reason to believe that even now he refers to the episode in the bitterest way.

But even this, in my opinion, is not the major reason why Darlan has so definitely committed himself against us. After all, many Frenchmen who resented the Oran incident at the time have seen the light since; and many

ous. Now ambition is not necessarily a bad thing. A man might be inspired to take the lead by a spirit of the purest patriotism. But he does not take the side of his country's enemies, which of course is what Darlan is doing.

Darlan backed the Nazis first, last and foremost because they were—as long as it suited them—ready to play with him if he would play with them. They were ready to give him power, in order that through him they might more easily exercise power themselves. Darlan can have no illusions about that, since he is getting orders from the Nazis every day, and carrying them out with a will. But he doesn't care. If the only way to have power is to enslave France under the Nazis—that is all right by him.

But there is another thing. Bad judgment and personal ambition are not quite the whole story. The other thing is called fear. Darlan realises that not only his power, but almost certainly his own skin depend upon a German victory. I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that the day France is released from bondage will be marked by a most bloody retribution upon those Frenchmen who strove to keep their own country under the heel of the Boche.

How can the arch-traitor, the leader of them all, Admiral Darlan, hope to escape? This is not a British threat, and I am only telling

Jean Darlan speaks and acts for Vichy, and there can no longer be the smallest doubt that Darlan is Britain's enemy and Germany's friend. In this article, which recently appeared in "London Calling," THOMAS CADETT analyses the motives behind the Admiral's treacherous policy.

more who still resent it submerge that resentment in the feeling that whatever has happened in the past we are their sole hope for any future tolerable to a proud race.

No, not even Oran has been the prime cause of Darlan's hate. The real explanation lies in two things: bad judgment and personal ambition. I say bad judgment, because after the defeat of France last summer the vast mass of Frenchmen felt that there was no hope for us. They had seen their own vast military organisations swept away like leaves under a broom, and they felt that if France, with her much-vaunted military machine couldn't stand up to the Nazis, our chances of survival were hopeless.

Darlan himself certainly held this view, and small blame to him or to anyone else who share it at that time, although events have shown them to be wrong. Now when I said 'bad judgment,' I didn't simply mean bad judgment, say, last August, although I repeat events have shown Darlan and the others to be wrong. My point is that he has continued to hold the view that Germany will win, and what is more, he is determined to do everything that he can to help Germany to win.

And that is where the personal ambition comes in. Darlan came to power under the shadow of Marshal Petain because he sought power, because he was, and is, ambitious.

you what I think. But I repeat that from what I know of the French, Darlan will be called upon to pay the price of his crime against his own people by his own people. He must be well aware of that.

And that, above all, is why we British, and all who wish us well, would be fools if we failed to look on this man as our most bitter enemy. He is intelligent, cunning, vindictive—almost everything in fact but courageous.

To-day, more than ever before, we can say about France: 'He that is not with us is against us.' Darlan is utterly, irretrievably against us. He is not just anti-British, he is pro-Boche. He doesn't only hate us. He likes—or pretends to like—the Germans, and speaks with affectionate admiration of Germany's New Order, that age-old order of tyranny that was old even before Nero's time.

He will stop at nothing to keep his power and save his skin. Syria has shown us that. So has his attitude towards the German attack on Russia. He has already approved it as a crusade against Bolshevism; he has even gone so far as to encourage French volunteers to go to fight the Russians.

I may add that I don't think he'll get much change out of that particular idea. I can't see many Frenchmen going off to face Russian bullets for Hitler's sake or even for Darlan's.

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12.30 Drama in French Variety. 1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Hawaiian Selections. 1.20 Negro Spirituals. Singing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Waller)... "Fats" Waller (Organ Solo); Lullaby (From "The Moor de Lovers" (Lullaby)... "Paul Robeson (Vocal) with Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements. 1.45 Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) and The Light Symphony Orchestra. 2.15 Close Down. 2.30 Indian Programme. 2.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.47 Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows. 7.15 Organ and Piano Duets by Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough. 7.30 Portuguese Programme. 8.00 London Relay—The News. 8.15 London Relay—War Commentary. 8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post".

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda. 8.30 Programme Summary. 8.32 Compositions of Maurice Ravel. La Valse... Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire, Paris; Nicolette... The Lyons Mixed Chorus; Alborada Del Gracioso (Extrait des "Mirrors")... Orchestre Des Concerts Straram; Troie Bonux Oiseau De Paradis... The Lyons Mixed Chorus. 9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements. 9.02 B.B.C. Recording—"The Real France".

The Story of Three Generations—1870, 1914, 1940 by Maurice Thery, Produced by Moray McLean. 9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only). 9.45 Debussy—The Children's Corner Suite. Alfred Cortot (Pianoforte Solo). 10.00 London—The News and News Commentary. 10.15 An Hour Of Variety and Dance Music. 11.15 Close Down.

Week's Radio

This evening, after the Portuguese programme from 7.30 till 8 p.m., there will be a half hour of the compositions of Ravel, from ZBW, this followed by a B.B.C. feature programme called "The Real France". The evening transcription ends with an hour of variety and dance music. Borodin's Quartet in D Major opens the morning programme tomorrow, and in the evening is the complete Opera, I Pagliacci by Leoncavallo, between 6.45 and 8 p.m. At twenty minutes to nine there will be Father Ryan in the studio to talk in one of his series on "English Humor". This time he talks on the Ingoldby Legends. A Variety programme follows at 9 p.m. and the programme ends with Mozart's Concerto in C Minor.

Thursday evening brings the new weekly feature, "To-night we Present", a programme devised by John Abbott, apart from which there are danced variety programmes, and a short piano recital by Rubinstein. At lunch time on Friday, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, played by Kreisler, will be on the air after the midday news at 1.45. At night, film selections will be played from 6.45 p.m. till 7.30; later the weekly Classical request programme to which listeners are invited to send in the pieces which they would like to hear. The final part of the evening's transcription is a dance programme.

On Sunday, the finest work in the midday programme is Concerto No. 3 in C Minor by Beethoven, this after the news. The evening programmes opens with a military march, followed at 8.30 p.m. P. C. Wu gives a song recital from the studio. He is a tenor, and a newcomer to ZBW. The weekly book reviews will be read at 9.15 p.m. and the programme ends with the evening epilogue. Some of Monday's features include Gershwin's Concerto No. 1 at 1.02 p.m.; Chopin's Concerto No. 1 at 6.45 p.m.; and at nine o'clock the fortnightly Variety programme called "Pencil Please" given by Leonard Starbuck, apart from the News at the usual times, the following: "Talking with the Deaf", "Britain To-day" on Wednesday at 11 p.m.; "War Correspondents" at the same time on Thursday; "Makers of History" on Friday; "Calling the Forces in the Far East" at 8.30 p.m. and a Variety Programme at 11.15 p.m. on Saturday.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

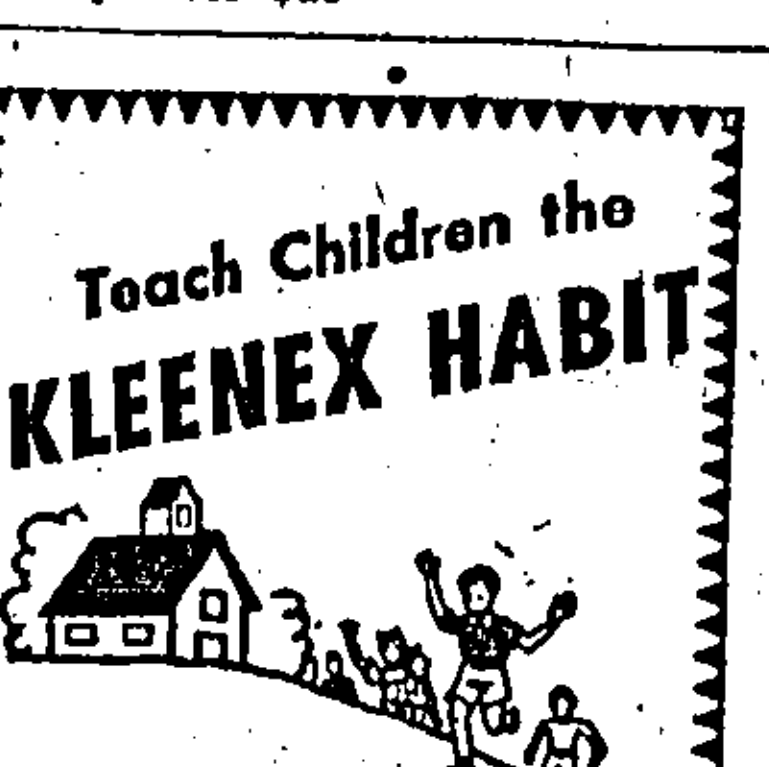
Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,475
H.K. Steamships \$100
Chinese Estates \$10
Macao Electric \$10
Dairy Farms \$10.10
Lang Crawfords \$0.20
Entertainments \$0.70

Sellers
Docks \$10.50
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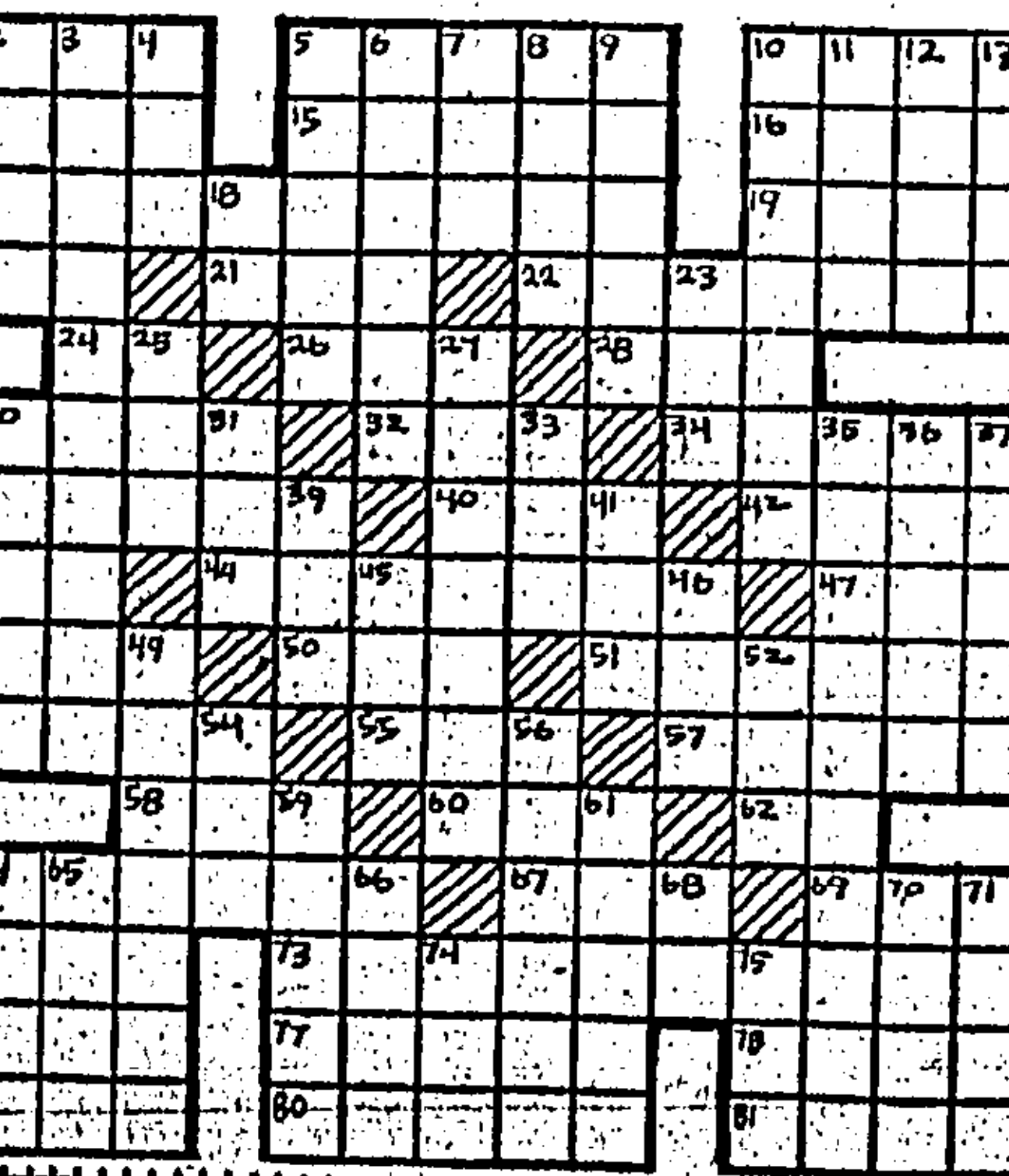
Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing for Lunch Interval and Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Coverings for heads
5—Drearily light
10—Wolfhound
14—Unit of area
16—Selection (abbr.)
17—Swelling
18—Terminals of a pair of nerves
19—Pastor's device
20—Popular view
21—Noble
22—Superior mental endowment
23—Newfoundland (abbr.)
24—Affirmative (symbol)
25—Young male attendant
26—Fast soldier
27—Change
28—Not out of way of
29—Electricity particle
30—Slender spines (abbr.)
31—Selection (abbr.)
32—Act of passing over
33—Chinese silver vase
34—Singer
35—In addition
36—Attacked with
37—Smell of gun
38—Unit
39—Those who mimic
40—Not counting weight of container
41—French apart
42—Non-alien opens
43—Without interest
44—Chinese shrub
45—Love (Scottish)
46—Miscellaneous collection
47—German's name for Germany

DOWN
1—Male of the red deer
2—Small, dull, continued pain
3—Shaved by three sides
4—Japanese coin
5—Implied by silence
6—Qualified
7—Well along
8—Well along
9—Composition
10—Centers sort by
11—Act of ending
12—Wide awake
13—Nickname for Nelson
14—Outer diameter
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22—Construct of moat
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27—Press with sharp hammer
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29—Dance in China
30—Mythical woman who had box from which escaped all human
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32—Per
33—Each of two
34—Plant embryo
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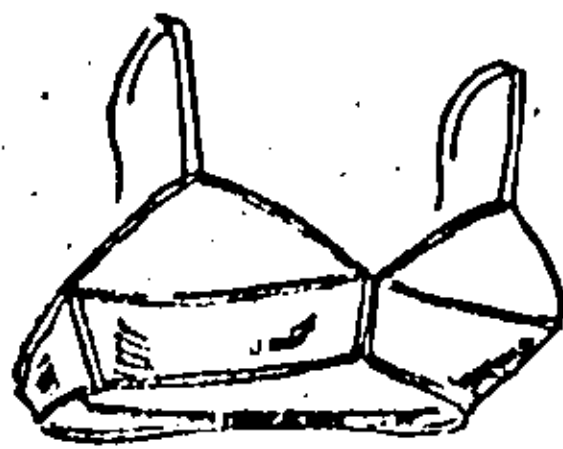
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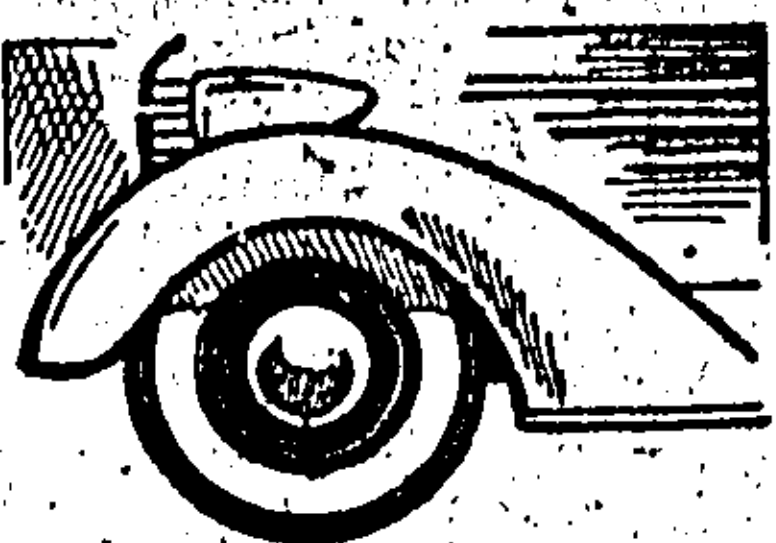
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BULGARIA

Bulgaria now appears to have been forced to the cross-roads: is she going to declare war against Russia or Turkey which means acquiescence to the Axis, or is she going to retain neutrality which will be a defeat for Hitler's policy.

Bulgaria has had a most unfortunate history most of it step-marked by wrong decisions by its leaders at fateful moments. Even the choice between Constantinople and Rome—the Greek Orthodox Church and Roman Catholicism—made by the first Boris one thousand years ago comes into this category for it paved the way for religious dissension which split from the Bulgarian Empire Albania and Macedonia. After a short period of Turkish rule the Bulgars rose again to independence but from 1396 to 1878 they endured the oppressive demands of the Turks in a dark and as it seemed permanent period of history which must seem to them still as horrific as anything the Nazis can conjure up.

With the aid of Russia this stupefying, stultifying and barbarous period came to an end and Bulgaria regained her independence. She endured the vicissitudes of Balkan politics until the Great War when she elected to fight with the Central Powers and suffered in the peace treaty considerable diminution of territory to gratify Rumania, Turkey, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Bulgaria does not want to fight Turkey. If her people were consulted they would be satisfied that their old enemy was no longer a menace to them; they would want to continue in their peaceful peasant ways. The last country in the world they would want to fight is Russia.

However, Bulgaria is another country where the bulk of the people have no say in their affairs. Boris has been dictator since he ousted the cliques who hummed round the Government—reactionaries, anti-peasant bodies, pro-Fascist movements, revisionist groups, republicans. Bulgaria sold herself into Axis hands trying at first to off-set the Balkan Entente, then to retain her neutrality and now, back to the wall, she thinks only of that final throw: the struggle

They Can't Lick the British Sense of Humour

WAR is a grim business, and it would certainly gag most of us if it were not for the happy fact that the national sense of humour comes to our rescue. But there is more to it than just a general sharpening of the community funny bone; individually, we become more ready to crack jokes, as well as more appreciative of others' jokes. We all realise the truth of the old ditty:

"A bit of humour now and then
Is relished by the best of men!"

This may seem an eccentric state of affairs when war is such a horrible experience; we should laugh less instead of more. Yet there is a psychological basis to it. Laughter is a type of "defence mechanism." As Kobold Knight assures us, "a sense of humour is like Medea's magic ointment, which quickly heals every wound and renders one immune." Few things assuage burdened minds as much as hearty laughter; a person without a sense of humour is without one strong shield against the batterings of outraged fortune.

In this respect the British people are perhaps the best armoured. There may be jokes in Berlin and Rome; but they are as funeral psalms compared to the salubrious stuff and nourishing nonsense dished up in London by the whimsy artists of the nation. And the saints be praised for that!

Humour is an intangible but stout defence in war. We may expect to endure the hardships and the horrors of conflict longer and with less spiritual casualty, if we have a joke or two to take refuge in. The lit of laughter, even sad laughter, is invaluable.

For this reason an examination for British war humour may have lessons for us. What is its pattern? What are its consequences?

There are four kinds of British war humour: First there is the work of the jokesmiths who either concoct war jokes out of whole cloth, as the saying is, or who seize upon war incidents and "tailor" them into full-fledged anecdotes.

Then there are actual unconsciously droll incidents that happen and circulate as war stories in their own right. Thirdly, there are funny remarks made during moments of excitement. And, finally, there are the inimitable British placards and notices taking humorous advantage of wartime conditions.

Look first at samples of the jokesmith's art. One of the best "whole cloth" jokes is about a young sergeant who asked the sergeant-major for advice in framing a charge for which there was no example in King's Regulations:

"What was the man doing, exactly?" asked the sergeant-major.

"Flirting with a girl in the park, sir."

"Well," said the sergeant-major solemnly, "charge him with impersonating an officer."

for bare existence as an independent unit.

If she elects for the Axis she will have sold her soul for temporary gain, and the hate of Russians and Turks: the alternative is to defy the Axis to turn her from neutrality and to rely on the unstable conditions which will upset the fish for weeks. In southeastern Europe and Africa, the Axis hordes from far-eastern restaurants: "I don't

Another "whole cloth" war-time joke is an adaptation of an old favourite:

Office boy: "Please, sir, could I have to-morrow afternoon off?"
Employer: "Your grandmother, I suppose?"

Office boy: "Exactly, sir. She's making her first parachute jump."

Look next at "tailored" jokes, that is, war incidents that have been seized upon by the whimsy artists and turned into full-fledged anecdotes. For instance, there is the one about the British pilot who got lost and landed at Cuiragh in Kildare.

Growled the tough Irish sergeant who greeted him: "Twould fit ye better to thank God you're not a dead man, for a corpse ye'd surely be, landing like this without warning, only for our anti-aircraft gun is after going to Dublin for repair because young Mick here jammed it blazing into a flock of wild geese that came overhead last Saturday night."

Then there is the "tailored" joke about the young officer returning from leave abroad. He was just about to take his place in an air liner when a girl ran up and asked the passengers if any one of them would be kind enough to sell her their seat as her mother was dangerously ill and the liner was full up.

The young officer gave up his seat and wired his C.O.: "Given

berth to girl. Returning by next plane." The reply he received ran: "Congratulations. Your next confinement will be in barracks."

These jokes, and literally hundreds more like them, circulating among Britain's civilian and military population, are a powerful benison. They cheer and enliven spirits. There is no doubt that they have been in large part responsible for the British ability "to take it." Familiar with such conscious drollery, the British become unconsciously droll!

A zealous ARP warden, during a blackout, saw the lighthouse on Barra Head going about its business of illuminating nearly a hundred square miles of ocean. That, of course, was right; and proper, and the warden nodded with satisfaction; ships at sea had to be guided from the shoals, blackout or no blackout.

And then the warden suddenly stiffened. What did he see? With a resounding oath he rushed down to the shore, commanded a boat and plunged through the waves towards the lighthouse. Coming within hailing distance, he bawled out through a megaphone.

The keeper thrust his head over the rim of the towering structure. "Man," shouted the warden, "don't you know this is a blackout and you're supposed to pull your window blinds down?"

A second engineer serving on a trawler during the evacuation of troops from Namsos left his engine room and went on deck during a fierce Nazi bomb attack on his ship. He thought he could be of more use up top than down below. He was. He did tremendous work carrying ammunition to the trawler's one anti-aircraft gun. And as he trotted from shell box to gun, reckless of the bombs falling all around his ship, the second engineer sang "Pennies from Heaven."

A bomb dropped in a south-eastern restaurant: "I don't

mind these raids, but I wish to goodness they wouldn't come at lunch time. It's just thoughtless!"

How these Britishers can "take it!" With a sense of humour second to none in the world, they are stoutly and impenetrably armoured. And nowhere is their drollery more in evidence than in their placarding. It has become a new wartime art, each trying to outdo his neighbour in laugh-producing signs.

A Dover rooming house proprietor puts a card in his window as soon as a vacancy occurs. The card invariably reads: "Nice rooms with every convenience, facing the enemy." A placard in a public building in one of the raided suburbs of London used to read: "Don't worry—it may never happen." After a very sharp attack the placard reappeared with a slight change: "Don't worry—Hitler has missed us again."

One night a bomb fell in the centre of a street in the shopping district, blowing out all the plate glass windows in the nearby stores. One proprietor immediately put up a sign: "Open as usual." His competitor across the street went one better. His sign read: "More open than usual." A South London barber after the upper part of his shop had been blown away by a bomb, nailed the following notice on his door: "I have had a close shave. What about you?"

But the prize for seizing upon the exigencies of war and whimsically turning them to good account came from a London flower-seller following the British anti-raid campaign. This stout-hearted lady put up a placard over her posies, read: "Don't talk in your sleep, there may be a Jerry under your bed. Spy it with flowers, instead."

No wonder an old man, placidly painting his house during an air raid, mildly replied when told to come down to safety: "Bombs? I thought it was the wind shaking my ladder!" No wonder when the blushing bride said "I do" during a violent raid on London which did not interrupt the marriage ceremony the bridegroom grinned and remarked: "This is a good start!" No wonder a certain English lady in her very late seventies, receiving a cable from an American friend suggesting she visit the United States "for the duration," promptly replied: "Hearty thanks charming invitation, hope to accept when ultimate victory is secured!"

There is something tremendously inspiring in such high-spiritedness in the face of the impeneable enemy. Simple, spontaneous, stirring, these reactions to disaster and death prove above all things that the British have a resilience that will be hard, if not impossible, to snap. Their national sense of humour is their most powerful defence.

Good cheer is the basis of an inflexible determination to win, and ability to laugh is the basis of good cheer. Let us therefore strongly fortify ourselves with laughter. This is one case where he who laughs first will also laugh last—and loudest.

WHAT THE SOVIET LEADERS TOLD ME

By Arthur Wauters

When Germany attacked the Soviets I called to mind conversations which I had had with Soviet statesmen during my travels in Russia.

We are, one of them told me, the heirs of the French Revolution and we shall escape a repetition of their mistakes. There will be no Thermidor for Communist Russia. There will be no imitation of the Glorious who had pushed on a war outside the country in order to take people's attention off the difficulties within. The man who told me this was shot by Stalin with many others.

It is perfectly true that the Russians have not attempted to export Communism at bayonet point. Russia is the only country in the world ruled by a Communist Government. This is not the case as far as Fascism and Totalitarian Governments are concerned for they have succeeded in taking over the direction of a considerable number of nations. The conflict between Trotsky and Stalin was based entirely on this difference of basic ideology. The latter wished to perfect the Socialist State within Russia in peace and the former only believed in the triumph of Communism if it were brought about by world revolution.

Peace Policy

Soviet Russia has attempted to remain entirely self-contained. She has, as far as possible, repaid outside military conflicts. She has not fully succeeded in this latter aim. The Communist Parties in all the Democratic countries exploited to the full the Munich agreement. They denounced the capitulation and weakness of Chamberlain and Daladier, but when they found themselves face to face with identical difficulties they quickly put into application a peace policy. This at one time reached the level of fawning on Germany.

All these efforts, however, have not been able to prevent them from war. They are now within the sphere of hostilities. The Communist slogan of "Imperialist War" has vanished. It cannot be used again for a long time by Communist propagandists in the world. Stalin, who has always claimed to be a complete follower of Lenin, is by force of circumstances to fight. He could not allow Germany to seize his agricultural products, his mineral riches and, above all, his oil, which supplies his motorised army and agriculture.

Leninism

Leninism believed that it would be best, that it became necessary, to allow the great Capitalist countries to wear themselves out through conflict so that, profiting by their weakness at the end of such a war, the Communists could spread among them destroying the social structure and attempt to establish Communist Governments.

To-day Russia, like the other countries, is exposed to the same exhaustion which results from world warfare.

Russia has also known a Thermidor which cost the lives of a very large number of Officers. We do not know how far this factor will have effect in the future evolution of operations.

When Trotsky succeeded, after brilliant victories, in destroying the White Russians and chasing the Allied armies from the New Europe the objective factors for a Bonapartist attempt were in embryo. Trotsky did not wish at that time to make use of the high prestige which he enjoyed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You win, Adele—They DID have shoes in all those boxes!"

Incredible Devastation On Soviet War Front Described

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent in Russia)

YELNYA, (Smolensk Front).—I am writing this dispatch from Yelnya, the principal town of the large salient which the Russians recaptured after smashing eight German divisions in a month-long battle which proved one of the war's fiercest struggle.

It is now nearly a week since I left Moscow for the first trip to the front, according to any foreign journalist. Since then I have travelled along many roads—often incredible roads—along the Smolensk sector of the eastern front.

One recaptured village I visited remains very vividly in my memory. Unlike so many others, there were a few houses still standing but the only inhabitants were one peasant, three children and one blind woman, and she had been rendered insane by the experiences through which she passed.

I saw her wandering from place to place with her only possessions, one pig, one sheepskin and a few pathetic rags. But the three children were already busy digging up potatoes from the recaptured fields.

Devastated Country
Hereabouts and eastwards the countryside was devastated by the Germans before they were driven out by the Russian pincer movement further west. The result of this pincer movement was that thousands of Germans were killed or captured while other German forces were compelled to withdraw rapidly from the bottle-neck, abandoning strong positions and masses of equipment.

The Germans are now 11 miles west of Yelnya and are being driven further away.

Smolensk is still in German hands but the Russians are not very far off. In Yelnya, the only building relatively intact is one church. The remainder of this town, which formerly had 6,000 inhabitants, now consists mainly of a few chimney stacks and heaps of rubble and ashes.

Forced Labour
A large number of the inhabitants were trapped by the sudden arrival of the Germans, forced into forced labour gangs and sent to the German rear, and nobody knows what has happened to them. But some escaped into the woods and managed to reach the Russian lines while others are still trickling back though there is nowhere in the town left to live.

When the Germans decided to evacuate the town on the night of September 4, they ordered the remaining few hundred inhabitants, mostly old people and children, to assemble inside the church, which then was locked up. Before leaving the town, the Germans systematically set fire to every house which had so far escaped destruction and it was into this burning inferno that Russian troops re-entered.

Terror Raid
I travelled to-day along the road where the Germans retreated before abandoning Yelnya. I started in the morning from Dorogobuzh, which has never been in German hands, but which was almost completely destroyed by terror raids during July. It was uncanny driving in the darkness through an unknown town with the silhouettes of nothing but burnt-out

houses with the sky showing through all the windows—like skulls instead of faces.

After wading through deep mud, I at last reached an army hut where I was given supper by the local commander and put on heaps of straw.

This morning I drove across a town that looked like a devastated piece of Steppen.

The army was generally taking care of people whose houses had been burned. But in the villages around, life seemed to go on strangely normally despite the fact that many thousands of roofs had been blown away by the blast and numerous craters in the roadsides.

No Man's Land

There were pigs, geese and hens on the road. But things were different after entering the country which is either no man's land or occupied by Germans who have systematically destroyed or taken away all the livestock, which there was no time to evacuate before they arrived.

In no man's land one of the fiercest battles was fought in wide fields of over-ripe flax and rye still uncut. I got to the village which was the centre of this battle. Nothing is left but a few burned stumps. Called Ushakov it stands on an advantageous height overlooking a semi-circle of woods a couple of miles distant which was held by the Russians. The Germans made this village their stronghold.

Russian Assault

It was the Russians who advanced step by step digging themselves in as they came forward during several weeks from three directions until the Germans were forced to withdraw.

The allotments round and through Ushakov are labyrinths of German trenches. Some 500 yards distant are the lines, rapidly constructed by night, of the Russian trenches and in between these are indications where the advancing Russian soldiers ducked when approaching the German lines.

The terrain occupied by the Germans is like a lunar landscape with shell craters proving the accuracy of the Russian artillery. The fierceness of the fight is shown by the large mound fenced off and decorated with fir branches and wild flowers where hundreds of Russian soldiers were buried.

Mournful Scene

The German bodies which filled numerous shell-holes are now covered up. Around this mournful scene, the uncut rye fields and potato patches grown in a now non-existent village, whips the autumn rain. The ground is littered with the remains of German equipment, newspapers, and the latest issue of private letters still legible despite the rain.

There is also wreckage of a German armoured car and the carcass of a horse.

A couple of miles north was the German observation post, a quarry sliced into the side of a hilllock with

well made galleries and dug-outs furnished with furniture stolen from the villages. Above it were the German artillery positions. It was a strong point protected by a stream and the impression of great thoroughness and efficiency. The position was hastily abandoned when the bottleneck to the west threatened to close altogether.

Inter-Allied Conference In London

Post-War Switch

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The main items for debate at the forthcoming inter-Allied Conference in London shortly will, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent, probably be (1) The Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt; (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all Allied countries. Mr. Churchill will be the principal British representative. Russia will be represented for the first time at these conferences and her delegate is expected to be the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky.

All Allied countries will naturally subscribe to the aims of the Atlantic Charter. It is thought that post-war plans will be discussed for the switch-over from war to peacetime production, including the collection and storage of raw materials and their distribution where the need is greatest in the countries concerned. The idea, it is assumed, is that reconstruction shall be tackled as an international problem with mutual co-operation instead of leaving each country to act as it finds possible.

Vichy Sentences Communists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Sept. 23 (UP).—The new State Tribunal to-day sentenced 35 Communists and acquitted twelve others. Four were sentenced to death; two to life terms at hard labour; one to 20 years and the rest, including nine women, from one to ten years hard labour.

Enemy Of Britain In Japanese Legation?

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Cairo newspaper "Almo Kattam," cites "a reliable source" for a report from Teheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Teheran.

Chinese Holding Changsha Thrust

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (Central News).—Chinese onslaughts against the Japanese columns pressing southward from Yochow toward Changsha, capital of Hunan, are most successful, according to the latest field dispatches.

Chinese mobile units operating north of the Milo River and to the left flank of the Japanese are simultaneously hammering at Yanglingieh, approximately 30 kilometres east of the Canton-Hankow Railway (on the southern bank of the Sinsiang River), Kwangchingchiao, some 15 kilometres southeast, and Changlochieh, further south on the northern shore of the Milo River.

The Japanese central column totalling more than 10,000 strong has been dislodged from Kwangchingchiao, while steady progress is being made by the Chinese at the two other places.

Chinese counter-attacks have arrested the Japanese southward drive which aims at either the capture of Changsha or the plundering of the newly harvested rice in the fertile region. At the same time, Chinese forces are determined to repeat the signal success over the enemy in the same battleground in December of 1939.

Crossing The Milo

Along the Milo River, the Japanese attempted crossings at four different points, namely, the main unit totalling over 3,000 men from the Changlochieh sector, the left wing consisting of about 1,000 men from Wuokou further up the Milo, and two more from below Changlochieh at Hsin-shih and Kwelyi.

The central column has suffered most heavily from Chinese gunfire. However, the invaders are still making desperate efforts to maintain a foothold. The Wuokou unit has lost more than 400 killed and wounded and it is now invested by the Chinese. The Hsin-shih unit of 2,000 men is now on the defensive, while the Kwelyi unit has been driven back to the north bank of the Milo River.

Many Vessels Sunk

During the past three days, the enemy attempted in vain to land troops by naval craft from the Tung-shih Lake in the Yingtien, Liulin and Liulin sectors at the mouth of the Hsiang River to the west of the Canton-Hankow Railway. In Yingtien alone, 89 motor launches and more than 20 wooden vessels have been sunk as well as over 500 Japanese troops killed.

U. S. CAN SUPPLY ALL TANKS AND SMALL GUNS

CHICAGO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The United States defence programme has reached a point where it is able to meet all demands for tanks, small guns and ammunition, declared Mr. William Knudsen, Director-General of the Office of Production Management, here to-day.

Calling for a still greater effort, he declared that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through regardless of the sacrifices we have to make in our comfortable standard of living. I think that it behoves us all to wake up."

Sir Charles Wilson Invited To Moscow

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It is learned authoritatively that Mr. Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow. Sir Charles will report to Mr. Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.

Missions Arrive

LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Tass agency reports that the British and American Missions to Moscow have arrived by air on Soviet territory.

Maisky With Tank Workers Of Britain

Inspiration To Russians

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Russian Ambassador, M. Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands to-day to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week." Madame Maisky named the first tank, which was of the Valentine type, "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for "these very excellent machines" on behalf of himself, his country and people, and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battlefield."

He said that they would not rust in idleness. Immediately following the ceremony, the tanks rumbled off to the docks on the first stage of their journey to Russia. On some tanks bearing completion were painted or chalked the names of Karl Marx, Lenin, Timoshenko, Budenny and Voroshilov. One tank almost ready for delivery bore these words: "Moscow, here I come."

Every Second Counts

As soon as M. Maisky's train pulled into the Midlands station, M. Maisky saw two Valentine tanks, one flying the Union Jack and the other the Red flag. They were covered with posters announcing "Tanks for Russia—every second counts."

Touring the factory, he saw slogans such as "Another One for Joe" and "Rush 'em for Russia." A workman told M. Maisky that they were working 08½ hours a week to turn out weapons for Russia.

The first factory visited had a Red flag fluttering from the roof. "It looks to me a very efficient factory," said M. Maisky, "and the reception we got was very enthusiastic."

Workers Doing Their Best

He noticed all slogans and Russian names printed on the sides of tanks and "this was a great inspiration to me. I know that the Midlands are a very great and active industrial centre and I am not surprised at the very great production going on. We are satisfied that the workers are doing their best to turn out tanks for Russia and they seem very enthusiastic. We want these tanks to get to Russia as soon as possible and we want as many as you can send. We can use all of them and in any quantities."

CHEAP MEALS

LONDON, Sept. 22 (British Wireless).—The one-thousandth "British Restaurant" was opened to-day by Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food. This restaurant seats 250 people and provides two-course meals of meat, two vegetables, sweet and a cup of tea—at prices from 10d to one shilling.

Speed Up, Urges Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day talked with Congressional leaders in order to speed up the enactment of the new six billion Lend and Lease appropriation and also regarding the one hundred million dollar defence funds to keep war air moving to the nations battling the Axis.

Leaders predicted that the new Lend and Lease bill hearings will require two weeks. They also discussed the necessity for the enactment of price control legislation.

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His pal, Mr Expert Ball Fan, that gashouse guy who can chatter in a non-stop fashion and who can give you a complete running "tell-tale" encyclopaedia on the game from baseball's soup to nuts, sighs with satisfied relief at the thought that those hard baseballs, which are swung at and disposed of as carelessly as a playboy on a spending spree, can be produced by the manufacturers to the satisfaction of modern baseball's huge demand for more balls.

JUST after that old Civil War hero, Abner Doubleday, gave to the world his crowning achievement of a lifetime, in the discovery of this game called baseball, a perpetual demand for balls, was set into motion.

From 1850 until late in the sixties only two men working by hand were needed to make the baseballs used in match games at that time.

A far cry, that, from the A. J. Reach and Co. plant in Philadelphia which now can turn out hundreds of balls daily for use in many of the professional, semi-pro, amateur and college leagues in America.

Earliest popular baseball manufacturers were Harvey Ross of the Brooklyn Atlantics, a sail maker by trade, who constructed them in his own home, and John Van Horn of the Morrisania, New York, Union Club, whose factory was his little boot and shoe store.

One day in 1865, Benjamin F. Shibe, a leather worker, sought out

a baseball man for a practical discussion of his idea for standardised balls of uniform weight and size. He solicited Al Reach, one of the greatest players of the day, for advice. The outgrowth was a partnership in a small plant and sporting goods store in a Philadelphia frame building. They soon had a virtual monopoly on the manufacture of baseballs.

It was Tom Shibe, son of the co-founder of the company, who unwittingly brought about such improvements that the "lively ball" resulted.

In 1925, Shibe was still maintaining that there couldn't possibly be any difference in the balls used before the World War and those used in the home run era. In an attempt to prove his assertion, he bisected two balls—one made in 1912, one made in 1925. Their interiors looked just alike. Each had the same cork centre enclosed in a black ring of Para rubber, then a three-quarter-inch layer of tightly wrapped yarn, over which was stretched the cover of alum-tanned horsehide.

But when an attempt was made to place the halves of the two balls together, again an amazing change was noted. The 1912 ball fitted together almost as before. But the inside of the 1925 ball bulged out at the centre. It had much more "spring." When the halves were placed together there was almost an inch of space separating them at the covers.

Shibe reviewed his activities of the past several years and came up with what he considered the solution. He explained that just after the war a high grade of Australian wool yarn became available for the making of baseballs, and also added that they (the manufacturers) had improved their yarn-winding and cover-sewing machines to make a more perfect baseball.

So even Shibe, who had made the ball, was astonished to learn that the combination of better material and improved manufacture had created a more lively ball which changed the whole complexion of the game.

FREDERIC Rahr, a Harvard graduate who calls himself a "color engineer," is still trying to persuade the Major Leagues to adopt his yellow ball for better visibility. It was used in a couple of National League games in 1939, but nothing came of it.

Rahr insists that his bright yellow spheroid will help thousands of fans who have poor vision. He says it will also batter as well as pitch and fielders, because of its high visibility. Chief problem is to find a yellow dye which won't rub off on sweaty fingers. Rahr also experimented with baseballs, but found them unsatisfactory.

Many Major League managers who have seen dozens of balls pounded over the fences or fouled into the unremitting paws of customers, would like to effect the economy once demonstrated by a pair of American Association clubs.

On April 11, 1912, only one ball was used in the Kansas City-Columbus game—a full length affair too.

Lecture On Soccer Laws To Referees

That a thorough knowledge of the laws of the game, plus absolute physical fitness were essentials for a referee were among the points stressed by Mr J. F. de Silva, Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, during his lecture on Association Football Laws at the Referees' class held at Seacord Point Hall last night.

Mr Silva dealt with Law No. 16, on the Throw-in, No. 10 on the goal-kick, and No. 17 on the corner-kick, and after instating the various infringements, official decisions, punishments and points in relation to the Law on Offside, Mr Silva dealt in co-operation between referees and line-men.

It was also announced that Mr Hugh A. Board, Chairman of the Association, would give his final lecture on the whole laws of the game for revision purposes at the next meeting on Thursday, at 7 p.m.



FOR THIS THEY GAVE UP BASEBALL... Men of the U.S.S. Mindanao try their hands at cricket. Third slip finds it puzzling.

Apart from the fact that the slips are on the leg side, the wicket-keeper adopts a baseball catcher's stance, the batsman wields the willow like a baseball bat, and the next man in doesn't anticipate a long wait (sitting on the field behind the batsman) apart from that, this is a cricket picture.—Ming Yuen.

National Records Shattered

Three Lai Tsun Swimmers Better 400-metres Time

Women's Breast-stroke Mark Broken

(By "Tinker")

WERE PROOF NEEDED of the improved standard of swimming in Hongkong, the trail of broken China National records at the Hongkong Chinese swimming championships would provide it. The Meet was one of two days, last night being the final half.

On Saturday, the first day, three records went by the board—the women's 100 metres backstroke, the men's 100 metres free-style, and the 1,600 free-style (which was bettered by Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun)—and yesterday two further marks were shattered—the women's 200 metres breast-stroke, and the men's 400 metres free-style (again by the Lai Tsun trio).

Shattered is the right word, for not one of these marks was broken by fractions of a second but, as in the men's 400 metres, by as much as 10.6 seconds. The brilliant Miss Li Po-luen, the brilliant South China A.A. breast-stroke champion, was responsible for the women's record last night, clipping her time by 7.7 seconds off the 1935 record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king.

Though all races were in metres, in order to conform with the length of the V.R.C. pool, the 400 metres free-style relay was made one of 400 yards, and the men's 50 metres free-style was made 50 yards.

Apart from the swimming, one of the noticeable features of the gala was the quiet and orderly manner in which it was conducted. Immediately following the results of each race, judges walked up and handed in their results and walked away again. The official platform was not crowded with non-competing swimmers, and the whole was most efficient.

The Events

THE OPENING EVENT was the men's 400 yards free-style relay. Throughout it was a race between Lai Tsun (Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming and Yau Sai-kwan) and Sing Tao (Wong Tai-hung, Ng Nin, Tsui Wai-lam and Shek Kam-pui).

From the very start, Sing Tao went into the lead, and after Ng Nin had completed his lap they were some 10 yards ahead. Yau Sai-kwan, however, caught up considerably for Lai Tsun and reduced the deficit, finally losing by about four yards. Shek Kam-pui, Sing Tao's last man, was obviously taking it rather easy, for he had yet several events in which to swim.

First Record

THEN came the first of the broken records. Miss Li Po-luen walked away with the women's 200 metres breast-stroke title, practically doubling her lead over every 50 yards.

She eventually finished about half the bath in the fore, and her time of 3 mins. 30.6 secs. bettered the National record.

Miss Ho Wai-man offered a challenge for the first 100 yards, but then dropped back to take second place.

Back-stroke Race

THE MEN'S 100 metres back-stroke was a very fine race. Chan Kam-cheong got home by 2.5 of a second, while Lau Yiu-ting was only 0.6 of a second ahead of Shek Kam-pui. To the spectator, it seemed that there was only a touch in it.

Over the first 50 yards, Lau Yiu-ting was a foot or two in the lead, with Shek Kam-pui about the same distance ahead of Chan Kam-cheong. They maintained this order down the third length, and then Chan commenced his great spurt that gradually pushed himself to the front. Shek Kam-pui and Lau Yiu-ting staged a great fight, the latter getting the decision by a touch.

Easy Win

MISS HO WAI-KING had an easy victory in the women's 50 yards free-style, but there was a keen tussle between Miss Mok Sum-lan and Miss Sa Wai-ying for second.

Novelty Race

THE GALA being in aid of Othorpaedic Centres of the Chinese, there was a race on the numbers on the programmes—the prize being a water-polo ball.

It was conducted on the lines of a Race Meeting, each of the four starters in the men's 50 yards free style carrying a number.

Tsui Hang was the favourite and won hands down in 25.2 seconds. Chan King-ping took second place 1.4 seconds behind.

Record Breaking Trio

LAI TSUN provided their record breaking trio—Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—for the men's 400 metres free-style, and it was a pleasure to see the way in which they swept up and down the pool always in line. From the first to the last the order was the same as that of the finish, there never being more than a yard separating the three over the first 350 yards.

Final Event

THE FINAL EVENT was another walk-over for Miss Ho Wai-king. She took first place in the women's 400 metres free-style in 7 mins 23.2 secs, 10.4 secs ahead of Miss Leung Oi-mui.

The lead, however, was only established over the last lap or so, for up till then Miss Leung had kept up very well with Miss Ho.

Results

Mr Tse Yue-chuen, Chairman of South China Athletic Association and Chinese Bathing Club, presented the prizes.

Results:
Men's 400 yards free-style relay—1. Sing Tao (Wong Tai-hung, Ng Nin, Tsui Wai-lam, Shek Kam-pui); 2. Lai Tsun; 3. Eastern; Time, 4 mins 4 secs.
Women's 200 metres breast-stroke—1. Li Po-luen (South China); 2. Ho Wai-man (C. E. C.); 3. Sun Wai-ying (Recreants' Union); Time, mins 3 4.6 secs.
(Chinese national record).
Men's 100 metres back-stroke—1. Chan Kam-cheong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.); 2. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun); 3. Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao); Time, 1 min. 23 1/8 secs.
Women's 50 yards free-style—1. Ho Wai-king (C. E. C.); 2. Mok Sum-lan (Lai Tsun); 3. Sa Wai-ying (Lai Tsun); Time, 23 secs.
(Chinese national record).
Men's 50 yards free-style—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern); 2. Chan King-ping (Y.M.C.A.); 3. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); Time, 25.2 secs.
Men's 400 metres free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun). Their times respectively were 5 mins 22 3/8 secs, 5 mins 25 1/8 secs, and 5 mins 26 1/8 secs. (Chan's time is a Chinese national record).
Women's 400 metres free-style—1. Ho Wai-king (C. E. C.); 2. Leung Oi-mui (C. E. C.); 3. Ho Wai-man (South China). Their times respectively were 7 mins 23.2 secs, 7 mins 33.6 secs, and 7 mins 44.0 secs.
Water-Polo (selected teams)—Blacks beat whites 5-2.

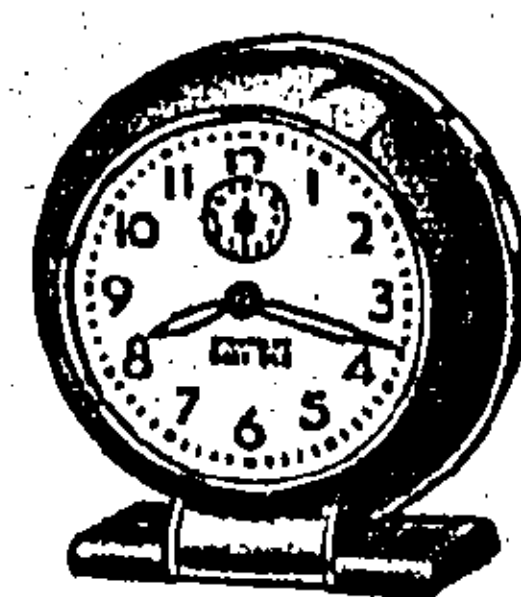
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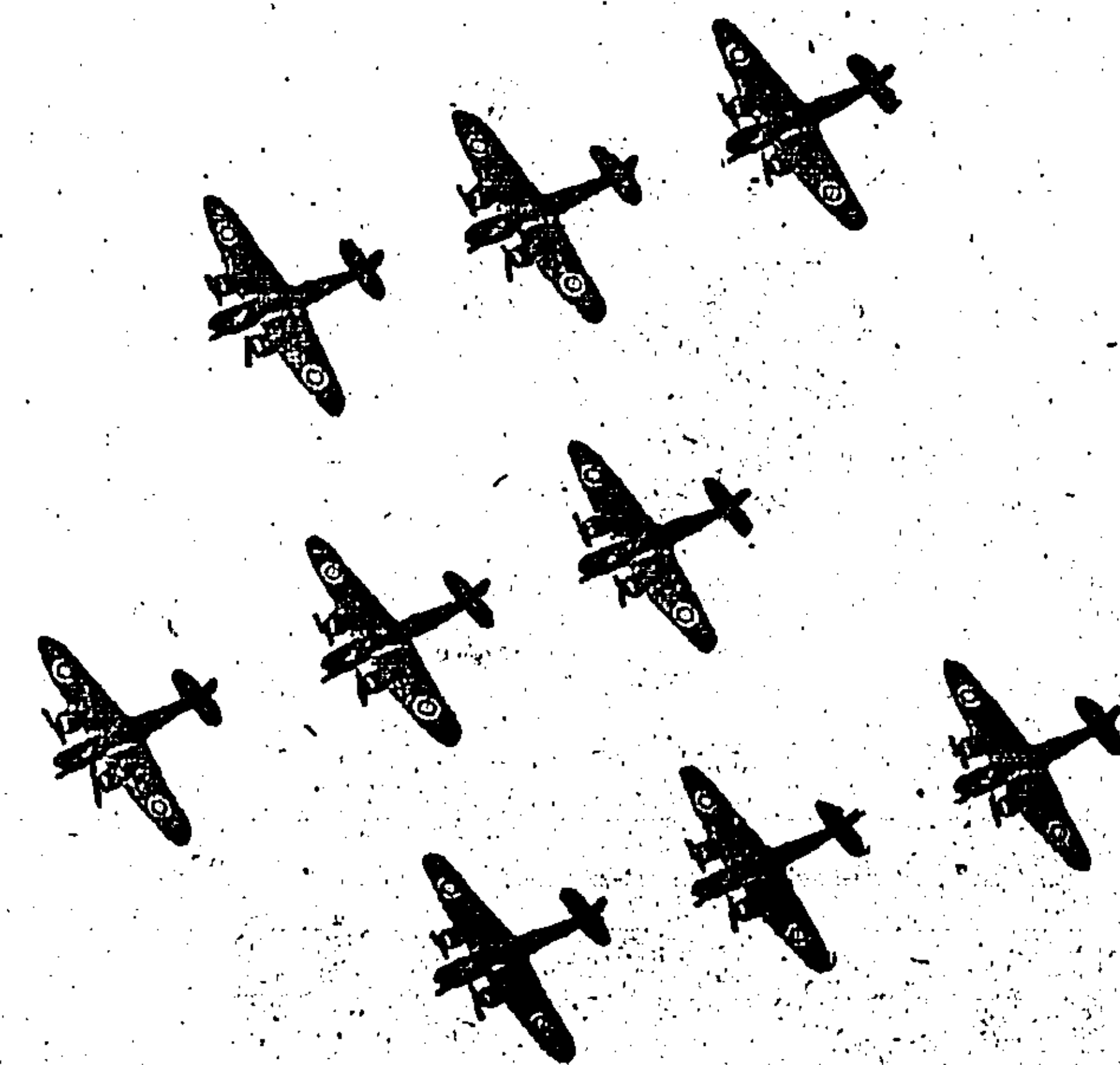
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THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Refreshments are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING
"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

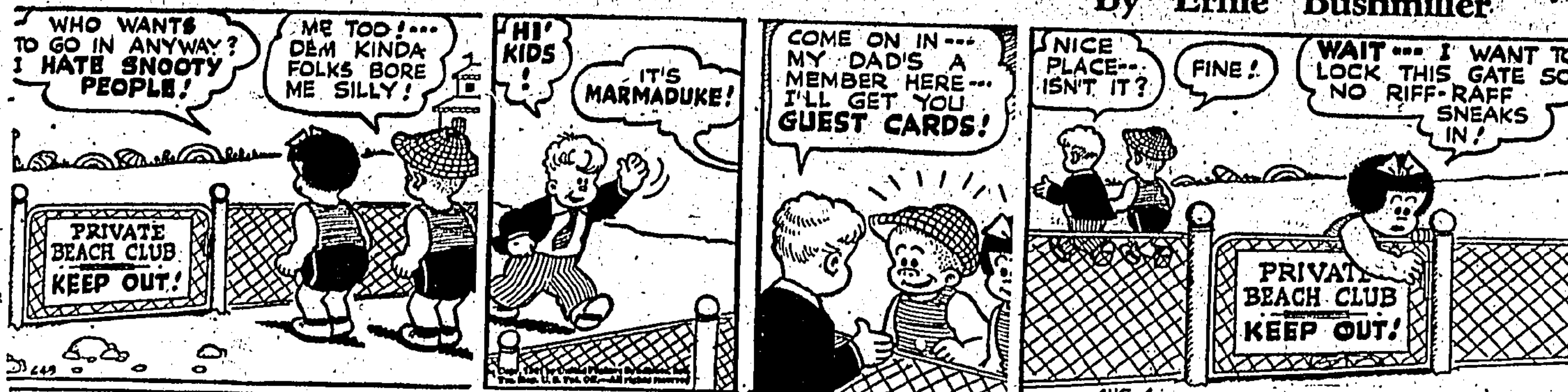
A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

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"So I discovered, Mr. Gerald, when they made me Quartermaster-Sergeant in the latter half of 1917."



V SIGN—This is Prime Minister Churchill's own way of giving V for Victory sign. He is giving it in response to cheers of crowd of another ship, as he leaves Iceland, following meeting with President Roosevelt.

London's Firemen In Thick Of War

By William Downs

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Sept. 21 (UP).—The man with only half his face left received 50 good American dollars to tide him over—the widow the two children got another \$50—the man who had lost his nerve was given \$25 to pay his back rent with some left over for spending.

The awards were made at a meeting of the executive committee of the London Firemen's Benevolent Fund, organized to care for the injured and dependents of the men who have kept London from being burned to the ground a hundred times.

More than \$35,000 has been given the fund by the British War Relief Society of America—some \$15,000 of this was presented in the name of the International Association of Fire Fighters in Washington, D.C. There can be no assessment of the value of these contributions which Gilbert H. Carr, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the relief society, said were presented as an expression of "American admiration for the heroic work done by London firemen."

"Heroic" seems a pretty weak term to apply to the men who have fought some of the biggest blazes in history. Since the Battle of Britain began, have stood in the front lines fighting fires under conditions which would test the courage of these firemen.

One look at any of the men forced by injuries to seek funds from the benevolent society will convince anyone that the fighting fires in war-time London is more than merely squirting water on the blaze. Firemen have been forced to throw themselves onto smoking liquid asphalt to avoid being blown to bits when German raiders drop high explosives into the raging fires that their incendiaries have started.

Severe Injuries

That was what happened to Albert C. Bush, 29-year-old fireman, on December 23, 1940, when the Germans dropped tens of thousands of fire bombs on the City of London. Bush, who only recently was released from hospital, is not a pretty sight. The left side of his face is a mass of raw, red scars. His mouth is drawn into an ugly grimace. Part of his ear is missing. The muscles of his left hand have been shriveled by heat until the fingers are drawn into a knot—he said doctors may still have to amputate two of them. His other wrist is branded by a livid scar.

Bush is not a man to feel sorry for himself. He may be able to have plastic surgery to restore part of his face after the war when doctors have time. When he walked into the committee room he matter-of-factly said he needed funds to pay his bills and aid in the support of his wife who is working in an ammunition factory.

"After a while I'll be ready to come back to work on some sort of light job—then we'll see if I can do heavy work later." The committee agreed.

Bush said he was injured in a narrow street near Paternoster Row. "The whole street was alight. I was trying to get to a blaze just beginning in a large paper factory but it was impossible. I heard a bomb coming down and fell on the street. When it exploded I got up and ran—then I passed out."

Another Victim

A. J. Newton, a little fellow who used to work the high platform

Driver's Experience

But perhaps the most pitiful plea put before the group was made by the captain of an East End fire squadron, asking for funds for one of his men.

"This man has too much imagination to be a good fireman," the captain said, "but he has been one of the bravest in the lot and something should be done for him."

The captain said the fireman in question was a driver. "The trouble started when a fire post in which he was waiting to be called into action was hit by a heavy bomb. More than 20 of his friends were killed—but miraculously, he came out without a scratch. A couple of days later another bomb hit near his truck. The truck was overturned and several men were hurt—but again he was spared."

"After that, the driver lost his nerve. He is all right in the day time, but as soon as darkness falls he just goes to pieces. Like other men I have seen he cries when the bombs start to fall. He is determined to be a driver—it's not a question of his courage—but he is a changed man. Even after three weeks in a rest home, I'm sure you can never use him as a driver again."

The driver was called into the room. He went out smiling and richer. The committee promised to give him light work to do "until you can get back on your feet and can go to driving again."

NEW AIR ROUTE TO AFRICA

Pan American Airways' new air route across the South Atlantic and through Africa to the Middle East, announced recently by President Roosevelt, will take over and co-ordinate for more speedy and efficient operation two recently organized services, one British and the other American, covering the same route.

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Purchase & Sale Of Sleepers Evidence

FROM PAGE ONE

Kwong Hing, 3,500 to Lun Sang and 15,000 to Ho Hing-cho. These two were some of the big dealers. There were also sales to small dealers but I do not think it is necessary to mention them.

Did you ever sell to Kin Lee?—We have not sold any from this lot to Kin Lee.

Sold to Kin Lee

I am not asking about this lot. I am asking if you have ever sold to Kin Lee?—Yes.

That was after the 210,000 pieces, —Yes.

That was during this year?—Yes.

On March 27, you sold 10,000 pieces?—Yes.

For \$43,000?—\$52,000. \$43,000 was the cost price we paid for the sleepers.

Did you ever sell any to Marsman?—No.

The National Finance Development Corporation never sold to Marsman?—Never.

Did you ever approach Mr. Carman about the sale of these sleepers?—Yes.

Not Fit For A.R.P.

What happened when you approached him?—I wrote to Mr. Carman and received a reply that the sleepers were not fit for use in connection with A.R.P. tunnel work. They did not want to buy.

What happened to these sleepers afterwards?—I have to make this point clear. The National Finance Development Corporation bought 210,000 Oregon pine sleepers which were only good for making gasoline boxes. At that time there was a big demand for gasoline boxes in Hong Kong and a number of merchants here wanted to buy sleepers. As a finance company, they approached us to buy the whole stock and sell to them in small quantities. After we had bought the 210,000, we bought another lot of 98,000 hardwood sleepers which were classified as decayed sleepers because of their very deplorable condition; most of them were deteriorating. The Jardine Engineering Corporation offered me these sleepers. The National Finance Development Corporation then still had 100,000 sleepers in hand. They thought the purchase of them was too much of a speculation so we refused to buy. At first we approached Marsman's and also Mr. Perkins of the A.R.P. The latter replied that the hardwood sleepers were no longer suitable for the purposes of tunnel work. Here are the letters. (Produced.)

Letter Read Out

Have you got the letter from Marsman's here too?—Yes.

The Chairman then read the letter from the Director of Air Raid Precautions to Witness, in which the Director stated that as the size of the tunnels had since been amended, the hardwood sleepers were no longer suitable for that purpose and suggested that Witness get in touch with Marsman's with regard to the sale of the sleepers.

Mr. Timson: May I have the date of that letter?

The Chairman: It is dated October 18, 1940.

The Chairman (to Witness): On October 21, you wrote Marsman's and you told them what you had in hand and the quantities and you also said that you had a stock of Oregon pine sleepers for sale. What price did you mention?—The hardwood sleepers \$2.00 each and the Oregon pine sleepers \$3.20 each.

Did you sell any to Marsman's at any time?—We did not sell direct.

Do you know if Marsman's subsequently purchased these sleepers?—The situation is this. Marsman's offered to purchase 2,000 sleepers as a trial order, but we thought the quantity was too small. After that the Tai Lee Lumber Company bought from us and we turned the order over to them.

How much did you sell to Tai Lee?—80,000 pieces.

At how much per sleeper?—\$1.00.

These were the sleepers that Tai Lee subsequently sold to Marsman's and to Kin Lee. Correct?—Yes, in small quantities.

Were these the same sleepers you offered Marsman's and which they said they could not use?—Yes, I think so.

Did you offer the same sleepers to Kin Lee?—Not the same sleepers. I know nothing about Kin Lee at all.

On this same day, October 21, Marsman's replied to your letter and informed you that they found the size of these sleepers not suitable for tunnel work and that was why they did not purchase from you and you subsequently sold these to Tai Lee at \$1.00 each?—Yes.

Now, Mr. Leong, what did you pay for the sleepers that you sold to Tai Lee for \$1.00?—The whole lot I bought from Jardine Engineering was 98,000 pieces and they were estimated at the price of firewood, as they were not going to be used for tunnelling work. I paid \$1.15 for the 98,000 pieces and I could only deliver 80,000 to Tai Lee, because some of them were not suitable.

Profit Made

Have you calculated the profit you made on that transaction?—Yes, about \$22,400.

Were you prepared to sell the same timber to Marsman's and Kin Lee for \$1.00?—Yes, if they bought the whole lot from me.

Before you went into this huge deal in sleepers, had you ever been connected with the timber trade?—No.

Your first excursion into the trade was with Jardines?—Yes, and the first transaction was for making box-wood.

For A.R.P. Tunnels

Is this not the truth: Did you not know when you entered into this deal that they were going to use sleepers in A.R.P. tunnels?—Yes.

You just made the deal to make boxwood?—Yes, but I want to make this point clear: We have three kinds of sleepers, one is Oregon pine, which cannot be used for tunnelling work. Secondly, some are classified as sleepers, but only a certain percentage are good ones and thirdly, the best kind of hardwood sleepers.

Bomber Fund Contributions

SUPREME COURT BOMB

Yesterday's Bomber Fund collections were handed by the British donation of \$50, representing the twentieth week's contents of the Supreme Court Bomb. From the "Grippe" came \$30, being the sum raised from a raffle for a bottle of champagne. The fund has now reached a total of \$2,222.12. The following are the latest donations:

Supreme Court Bomb (twentieth donation)	\$50
Hongkong Hotel Grippe Saturday Night Raffle (ninth donation)	200
Bill's Ball Table (ninth donation)	15.30
Bill's Ball Table (seventeenth donation)	10
Lodge St. John 618 S. C.	10
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100 Labels	10
Labels	10
Mrs. Lowe's lamp	10
Gift of Shanghai S.A.P. Association	5
V. Badges (2 at \$2)	4

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was destroyed by the blast. Another schooner was hit by bombs several times and "the crew immediately abandoned ship which was left in a mass of flames."

"On Saturday, one heavily laden merchant ship off Kerkennah was bombed, set afire and left sinking."

Challenges Pres. Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UP).—Representative Hamilton Fish to-day challenged President Roosevelt "to do the only honest and honourable thing" and present a war resolution to Congress. He said that the time had arrived when the country must face the issue squarely. He predicted that a war resolution would fail by a two to one vote in the House.

He declared that the President, unless ready to present a war issue, should clarify his "shoot first" order to the navy to not mean to sink Axis warships wherever found.

Lord Mountbatten At Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, Sept. 22 (UP).—Lord Louis Mountbatten, Commander of the British aircraft-carrier Illustrious, arrived here to-day by Clipper and will spend ten days to a fortnight inspecting United States naval bases and confer with Admiral Kimmel, Admiral Block and others.

His Lordship made no comment regarding the international situation.

LATE NEWS

That can be used for tunnel work?—I don't know.

Stock On Hand

You still have a large stock in hand?—Yes, about 60,000 pieces.

That concluded Mr. Leong's evidence and the next Witness called was Mr. Taz Chan, Proprietor of the Kwong Yick Company.

The Chairman then asked: When did you form this firm?—Witness: About ten years ago.

Are you timber merchants?—Yes.

I understand you supplied railway sleepers to Marsman's and to Kin Lee, is that right?—No.

What did you supply them?—Hardwood.

Were they not sleepers?—No.

Where did you get them from?—Sandakan.

When was your last sale to Kin Lee?—On May 29 this year, we sold them 13 cubic feet of wood.

When was your last sale to Marsman's?—On August 14, 1941. We sold 33 ft 7 1/2 in. and the amount was \$99.50.

Broker In Wood

Mr. Chan's examination ended, and Mr. Kan Lee-hing, sole proprietor of the Kwong Yip Ship Company was the next Witness called.

The Chairman asked: When did you form the firm?—Witness: About 10 years ago. I am also a broker.

Broker of what?—Broker in wood. Railway sleepers—I did only one transaction, and that was on February 11, 1941.

You sold 3,500 sleepers at \$3.00 each to Marsman's?—Yes.

Savage Fighting In Progress

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official Italian news agency wired to-night that Marshal Badoglio had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Donets River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.

Hungarian Communiqué

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Hungarian General Staff to-night issued a communiqué saying:

"The Soviet forces that escaped encirclement east of the Dnieper are being pursued towards the east. Their rearwards are attempting a counter-attack but liaison between the different units seems to have been broken and resistance weakening. This suggests that the Soviet Command has renounced its efforts to continue the fighting between the Dnieper and the Donetz and is concentrating on organising its retreating forces behind the latter river."

"Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

Advance On Odessa

VICHY, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Italian Press reports state that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidiopolis, 28 miles southwest of Odessa, after heavy fighting, and are now advancing to the coast towards Odessa.

Ovidiopolis is at the mouth of the river Dniester, which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

German Boasting

BERLIN, Sept. 22 (UP).—Competent German sources to-night reported the sinking or damming of 27 Soviet ships including 16 warships, and the destruction of 30 Soviet divisions of approximately 360,000 troops in the systematic crushing of four Red armies who are trapped east of Kiev.

Informal sources said that in a pocket east of Kiev, a unit of the German tank corps destroyed twenty Soviet tanks including six 52-tonners, two 44-tonners and ten 32-tonners.

According to the official news agency, approximately 30 Soviet divisions have thus far been destroyed east of Kiev and the Soviet forces are claimed to be in a state of greatest confusion. Although the names of places are lacking in the German reports, they outline a picture similar to those after the completion of the encirclement of Riazan, Minsk, Smolensk and Uman.

Other German quarters indicated that operations east of Pottava are progressing and inferred that the important military and industrial centre of Kharkov might soon be directly threatened.

Authorised circles stated that the ring is drawing steadily tighter around Leningrad and other actions are progressing along the whole front.

Island Landing Claimed

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 22 (UP).—The newspaper "Afton Bladet," quoting a Russian radio station said that after the occupation of Arensburg, German forces landed on Dagoo Island. It is reported that bitter fighting is going on both Dagoo and the greater part of Oesel where the Germans so far have not succeeded in beating the desperate Soviet resistance.

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men but to send them into the so-called combat zones.

The American Navy can protect British and other foreign ships crossing the Atlantic, shoot at German craft on sight but cannot escort American merchantmen in those same waters. Many Americans see in this an absurd anachronism.

Moreover, there is a feeling in some circles that it is an even greater anachronism to send American-owned and operated ships to places like Iceland under the flag of Panama and that they should be sailing under undisclosed colours.

Carry Much Weight

Mr. Hull's views, which carry much weight, will be brought out in the country and in Congress where already there is apparently a movement for the repeal of the Neutrality Act.

Replying to a question, Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, also said that no shooting had been reported to the Navy Department since the President's "Shoot on Sight" order. He added that the Navy's air programme was on schedule. The Navy was getting plenty of engines and planes which were the best in the world in each category.

Viceroy Again

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It is announced that the term of office of the Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, has been extended a further period, until April, 1943.

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Another U.S. Ship Sunk

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Another American ship has been sunk in the Atlantic.
The State Department officially announced today that the Government-owned ship, *Pink Star* (6,859 tons) was attacked in waters around Iceland and sunk.
She was flying the Panamanian flag.
This is the fourth American merchant ship to be sunk by the Axis, the three previous ones being the *Montana*, the *Sessa* and the *Steel Seafarer*.

ARP COMMISSION WANTS INVESTIGATION INTO THREE CHINESE FIRMS

THE COMPLEXITIES OF CHINESE FIRMS USING THE SAME OFFICES, AND IN SOME CASES THE SAME PERSONNEL, CAPITAL AND NOTEPAPER, DEALING IN THE SAME BUSINESS—THE SALE OF TIMBER—AND YET CLAIMING TO BE SEPARATE ENTITIES WERE THE SUBJECT OF QUESTIONS BY MR JUSTICE CRESSALL AT THE RESUMED A.R.P. INQUIRY THIS MORNING.
WITNESSES DENIED THAT THEIR FIRMS WERE FORMED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DEALING IN SLEEPERS AND MAKING A PROFIT ON THEIR SALE FOR USE IN THE A.R.P. TUNNELS; THEY HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE SLEEPERS WERE TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

British Troops May Fight Side by Side With Soviets

LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—Progress of the southernmost German drive which is beginning to threaten Rostov and key communications to and from the Caucasus may decide whether the British might fight side by side with the Red Army.

Millions Of Dollars For P. I. Defences

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UP).—Upon the request of the Commonwealth Government, Senator Joaquin Elizalde, Philippine Resident Commissioner, is immediately conferring with the War Department regarding a Bill setting aside \$53,000,000 to \$54,000,000 Philippines funds for the strengthening of the Islands' defences. Informed quarters stated that the funds will probably be used principally for combat aircraft, motor torpedo boats, artillery and small arms. Some may also be used for fortifications and other construction work.

NO STRIKE AT STEAM LAUNDRY

The threatened strike at the Steam Laundry Company did not materialise this morning.

Instead all of the employees, with the exception of a few members of the committee representing the workers' interests, reported for duty at the usual time and, according to the manager of the company, the situation is normal.

Yesterday afternoon representatives of the Steam Laundry employees interviewed the Labour Officer, Mr B. C. Hawkins requesting his intervention for the reinstatement of workers who had been dismissed from the Company, but the Labour Officer informed them that he was not in a position to do anything.

Later in the evening the entire laundry staff were addressed by the company's manager.

REPORTED ATTACK AT GIBRALTAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (UP).—In connection with the reported Italian attack on Gibraltar, it is recalled that Italy used the so-called suicide boats, one-man torpedo boats in previous operations.

The small craft are usually launched at night time from larger warships and consist chiefly of a torpedo steered at the target at high speed. The pilot cuts loose shortly before the target is hit, hoping to be picked up.

Italian View
ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Italian assault units which entered Gibraltar harbour, it is reliably stated, were similar to those who attacked Malta on July 28. They were manned by two-man crews who steered the torpedo close to the objectives after which a detachable stern was unhooked and used as an outboard motorboat, in which they tried to escape.

Speculation Regarding US-Japan Negotiations

TOKYO, Sept. 23 (UP).—In an editorial headed "Have Patience", the Japan "Newweek" declares that whatever might be the reason for silence regarding the U.S.-Japan negotiations since Prince Konoye sent his letter to President Roosevelt three weeks ago, the lack of official information as to the progress being made should cause no uneasiness as to the eventual outcome.

"It is certain that the leaders of both Powers realise the gravity of the present situation and they may be depended upon to strive their utmost for a successful conclusion of the talks."
"Recognising as both Powers must the divergence in mental processes habitually applied by each to mutual problems, both must admit that the first step toward solution of those problems lies in the direction of modifying or possibly even radically changing their attitude."
"This, we presume, is the purpose of the so-called 'exploratory talks' now going on in Washington between Admiral Nomura and Mr Cordell Hull."
The "Newweek" declared that it felt sure there would shortly be concrete evidence of Japan-American relations moving in the direction of a status at once peaceful and mutually profitable.

NEW C. S. REPORTED APPOINTED

The "Telegraph" has received reliable information to the effect that Mr Hyman Weisberg, at present Financial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, will succeed the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith as Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.
Official confirmation of this report was not obtainable on inquiry to-day. It was reported sometime ago that the Hon. Mr Smith would be leaving the Colony in the next few months prior to retirement.

Mr Weisberg's Career

Mr Weisberg, who is 51, has been Financial Secretary of the Straits Settlements since 1937. He is a Bachelor of Arts of Cambridge University, and has spent his entire public life in Malaya.
Appointed a Cadet in 1914, he became Assistant District Officer in 1919 and District Officer a year later. In 1922 he became a magistrate in the F.M.S., and in 1929 was Acting Assistant Treasurer, F.M.S., and State Treasurer, Selangor. In 1931 he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the F.M.S. Government, and in 1933 became Acting Under-Secretary.
Appointed Treasurer to the Straits Settlements Government in 1935, he became Financial Secretary two years later.

LATEST

NEW JAPANESE C-IN-C

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

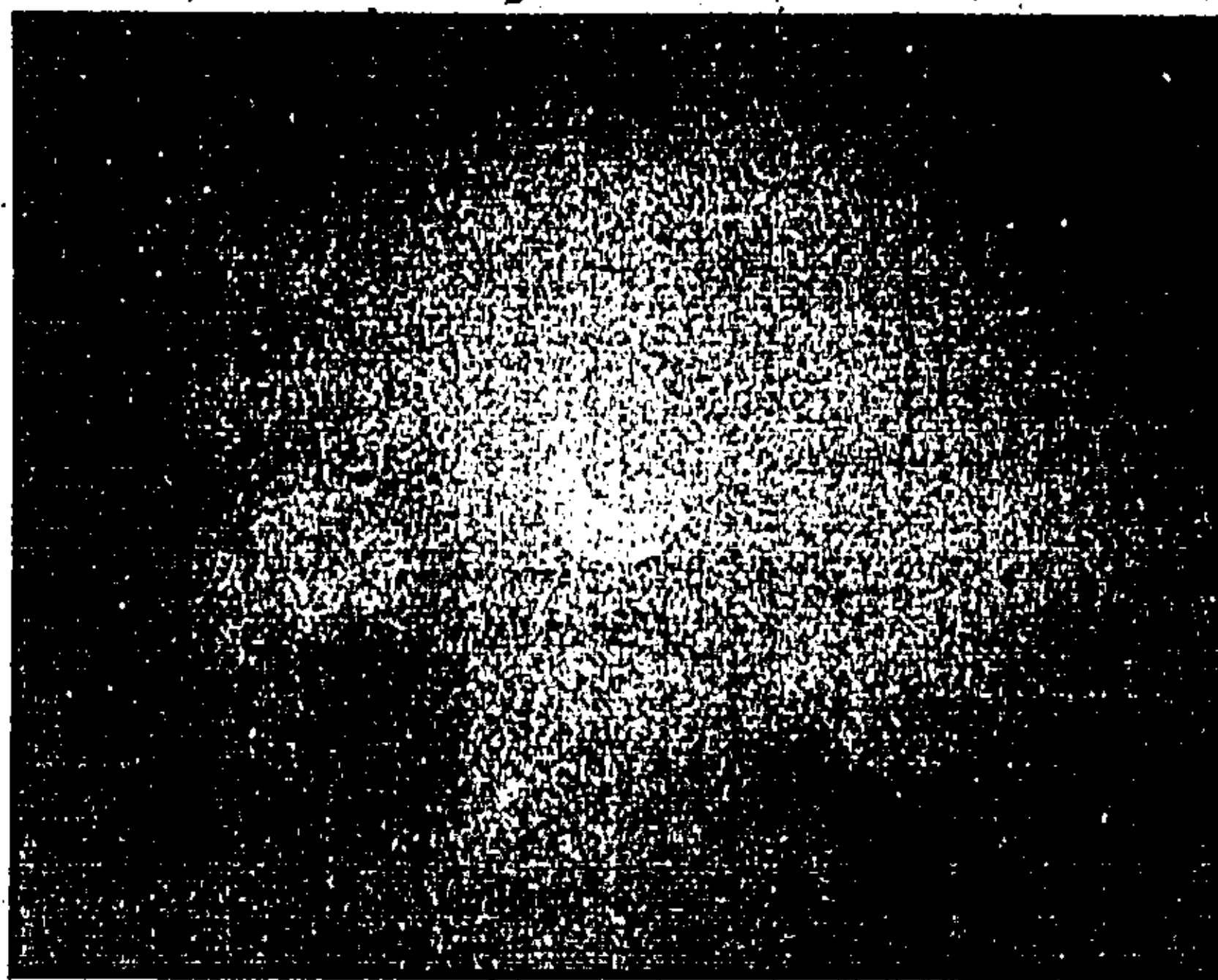
SHANGHAI, Sept. 23 (UP).—Japanese reports say that Rear Admiral Katsuhiko Makita, the newly appointed Commander in Chief of the Japanese special naval landing party at Shanghai arrived from Nagasaki yesterday—replacing Rear Admiral Seiji Taketa.

The Shanghai "Mainichi" reported that 480 Chinese youths have been granted admission to Nanking's Central Military Academy in which the term opens next month. The Academy is training officers for Wang Ching-wei's army which, under present plans, will be enlarged to 500,000 men to be used to police areas which will be turned over when the Japanese evacuate. The training of the men will be carried out with funds from the recent 300,000,000 Yen loan granted to Nanking by Tokyo.

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Colony Sees Solar Eclipse

Although the morning was overcast and disappointed thousands who patiently waited to see the eclipse on Sunday, there were moments when the phenomenon could be observed as this picture, taken by the New China News-photos, testifies.



Wants Neutrality Act Altered

Mr Cordell Hull's Views

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated that he favours revision of the Neutrality Act.
Mr Hull recalled that when in 1935 the Act was passed, he had said that it was as likely to get the United States into war as to keep the United States out of war.

ITALIAN LINERS SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The destruction of two Italian liners and damage to a third Italian liner was announced by the Admiralty this afternoon.

The communique reads: "On Thursday, September 18, submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet on patrol in the Central Mediterranean successfully attacked a fast and heavily escorted Italian convoy carrying reinforcements to Libya."
The convoy consisted of three liners. Two have been destroyed. It is probable that the third was damaged.

One of the liners in this convoy was similar to the steamer *Vulcania* of 24,400 tons. The other two liners were of approximately the same tonnage.

Schooners Destroyed

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (UP).—The A.R.F. destroyed two large Italian schooners and successfully attacked an Italian destroyer in the region of Tripoli recently. "One schooner, after being hit, blew up with such terrific force one of our divers making the attack was destroyed by the blast." Another schooner was hit by bombs several times and "the crew immediately abandoned ship which was left in a mass of flames."
"On Saturday, one heavily laden merchant ship off Kerkenna was bombed, set afire and left sinking."

Deletion of the arms embargo from that Act, Mr Hull made clear, is not sufficient to clear the way for aid to Britain.

Asked whether there was undue pessimism regarding the plight of Russia, Mr Hull said that from the way the Russians were fighting there did not seem to be any pessimism over there.
Mr Hull also said that diplomatic negotiations were continuing in an effort to work out a settlement between Peru and Ecuador.

No Prediction

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull's statement is seen to-day that he had tried for some time to indicate that he believed that the Neutrality Act should be changed, but he declined to predict whether or when repeal or revision might be expected.
He declared that the Lend-Lease Act was based primarily on the doctrine of self-defence and it provided a way to go further as the necessities of defence increased.
Replying to a question whether another letter had been received by President Roosevelt from the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, Mr Hull said that he had no information about it.

First Shot

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"VANGUARD OF VICTORY"

South Africans At War

PRETORIA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Copies of "The Vanguard of Victory," the official book on the South African campaign in East Africa, are being sent by Field Marshal Smuts, South African Prime Minister, to Mr Winston Churchill, Queen Wilhelmina, President Roosevelt, Prime Ministers of the other Dominions, the Viceroy of India and the Commanders-in-Chief of the British armed forces.

Mr Churchill's copy will be accompanied by the following message from Field Marshal Smuts: "You sold to Mussolini 'we will tear your empire to shreds and tatters.' South African forces have helped in doing so. I am sending you this booklet telling you how we did it."

To Queen Wilhelmina, Field Marshal Smuts says: "My dearest wish is that the glorious victories of our sons and daughters, worthy descendants of two great freedom-loving peoples, may also be the fore-runner of the eventual liberation of your fatherland."
Field Marshal Smuts sent a copy of the book with a personal message to every South African who participated in the campaign, and Mrs Smuts is sending a copy with a personal message to the relatives of every casualty in the campaign.

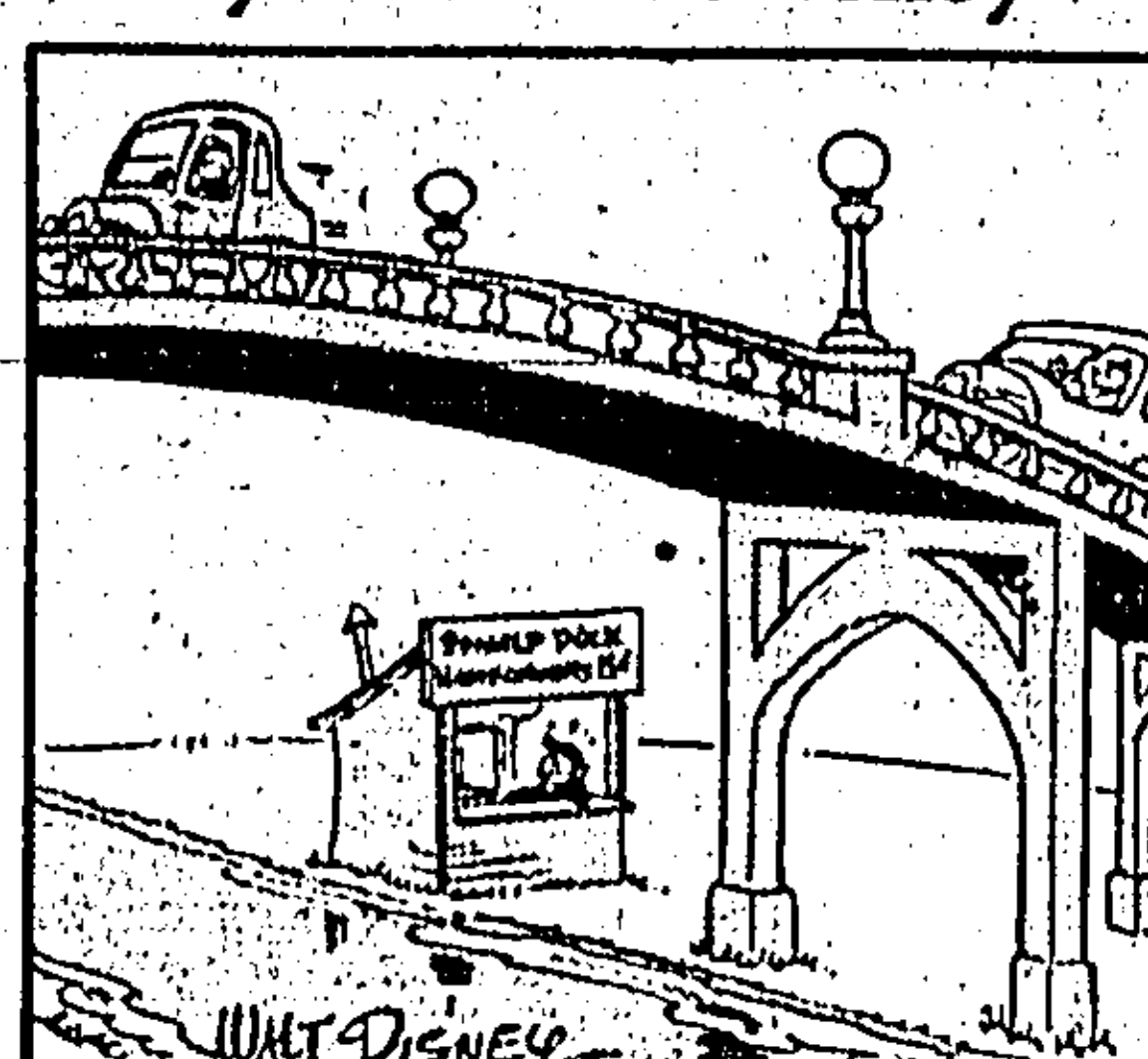
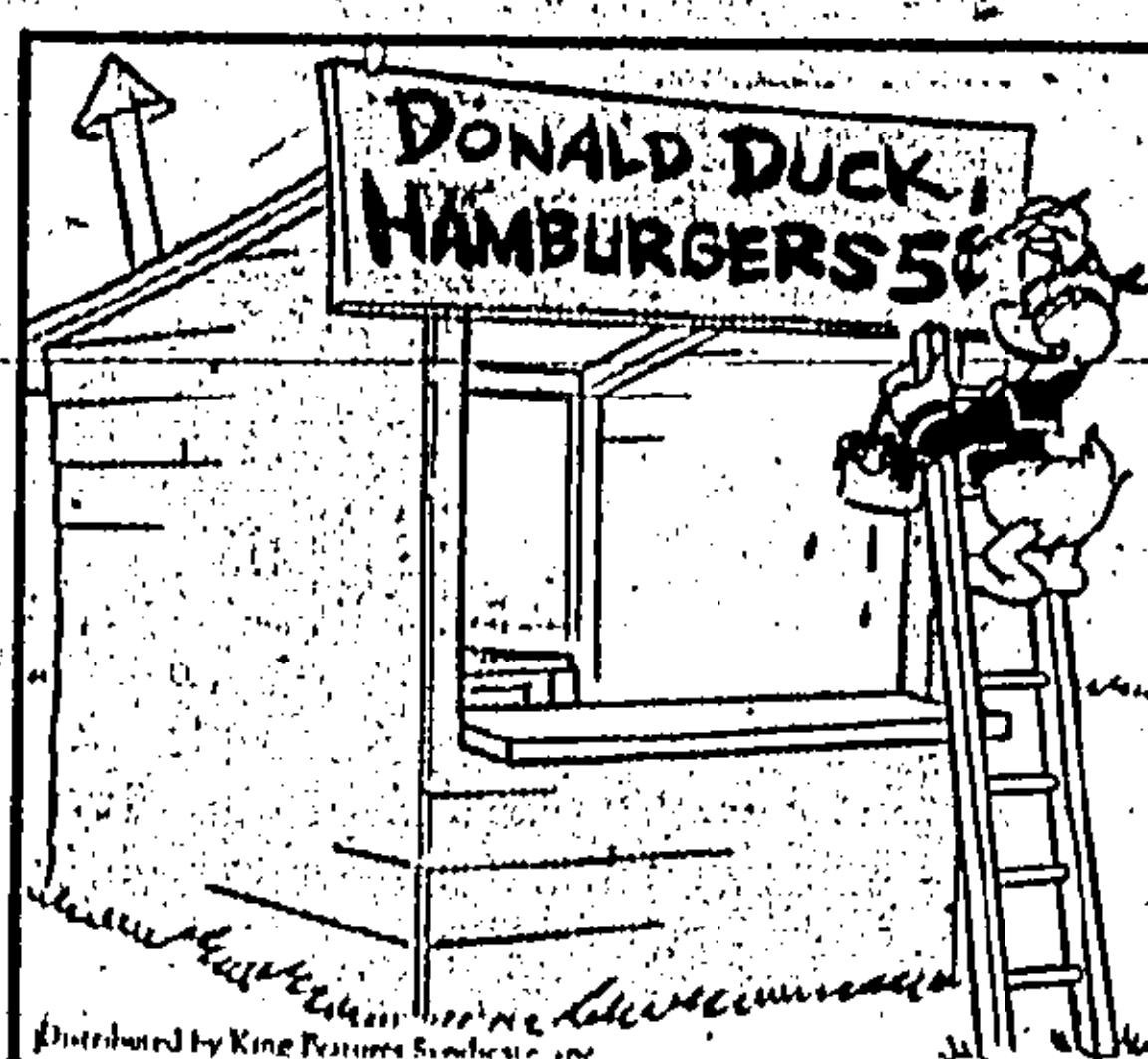
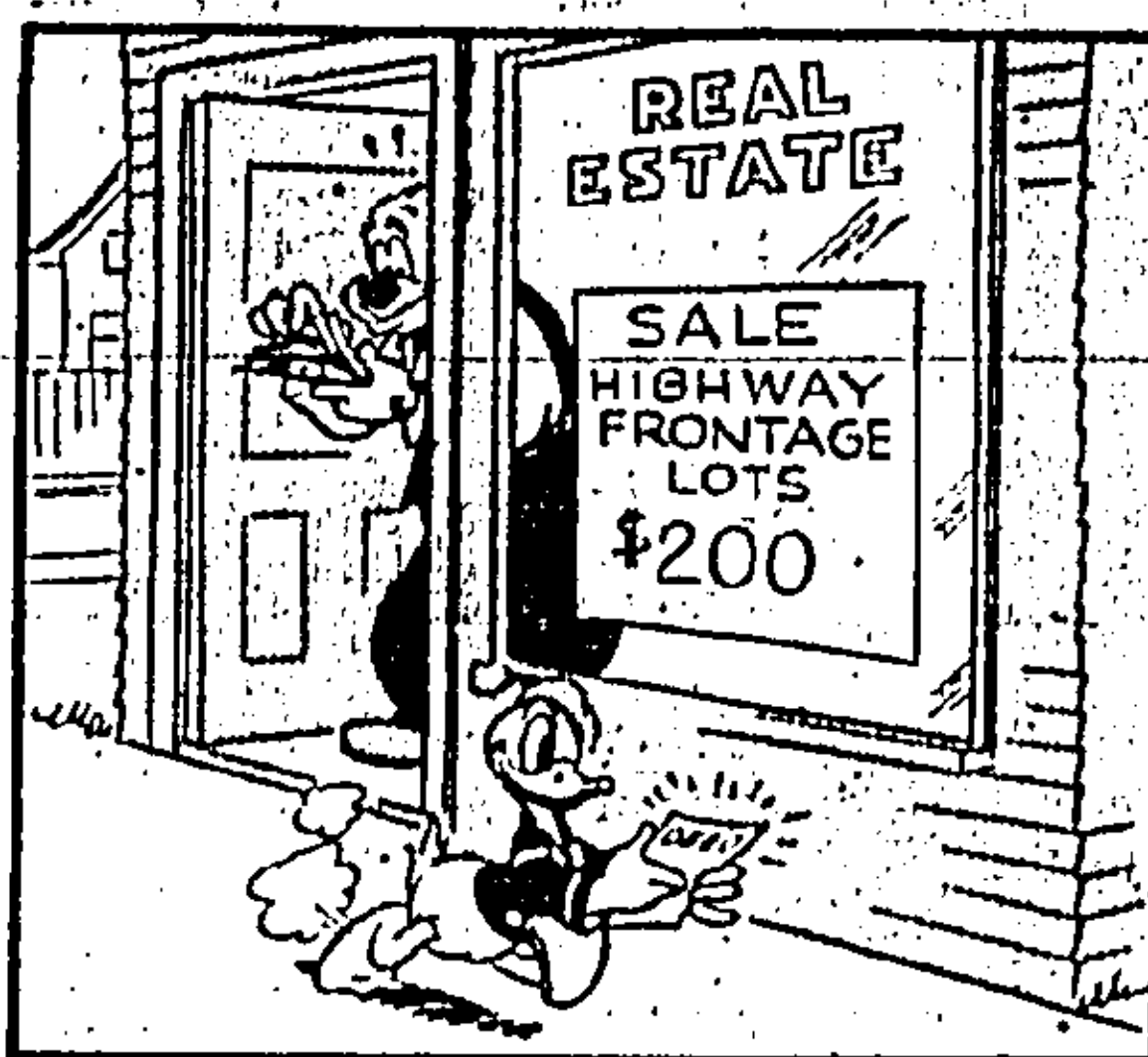
Hawaiian Customs Guard Slays American Officer

Special to the "Telegraph"

HONOLULU, Sept. 22 (UP).—Police to-day said that Customs Guard John K. Yueng shot and killed Second Lieutenant Martin R. Connolly, 26, of Syracuse N.Y., attached to the United States Army Air Corps, at Pier Eight late last night following an argument over a package which Connolly was carrying aboard ship.

Army officials said that Lieut. Connolly was enroute from Manila to San Francisco. A Military Board has been convened to investigate the circumstances.
As a result of a police investigation it is said that Lieut. Connolly was halted at the gate to the pier by Yueng who asked to see the contents of a package which he carried. Connolly protested that he had already been searched but agreed to put the package on a table. In it Yueng found scenic and family photographs after which he searched Connolly. Witnesses said that apparently words were exchanged although they could not be distinguished after which Yueng pulled out his .38 calibre Colt revolver and shot Connolly in the chest.

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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Eliminating a Guess

EXPERTS, who are notoriously conceited, are curiously modest in one single department, that is, the department of guesses. Indeed, they have so little confidence in their own ability to guess the position of a card for example a queen, that they go to almost any length to avoid such a guess. Note the vast difference between experts and average players in the handling of a situation such as the following:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K Q
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 9 6
 ♣ 4 3
 ♠ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ Q 10 5 4
 ♣ A K J 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

The contract was sound and required only a little care. West opened the spade jack, dummy winning. The adverse clubs were cleaned up in two leads and then declarer turned his attention to the one suit that offered a problem, namely the diamond suit. He led the low diamond to the ace and returned a diamond to his own hand. East unhesitatingly played the eight-spot, and declarer, after consulting with whatever spirits are consulting by habitual guessers, put in the ten. His advice had been bad in this case, because West pounced on the trick with the jack and shifted to a

heart. Declarer had to lose another diamond trick to the king and with it, his contract.

As I said above, only a reasonable degree of care was necessary to insure the contract. After drawing the adverse trumps, declarer should have taken pains to cash his other spade trick, his ace and king of hearts, and to ruff away his remaining heart. Then, with spades and hearts eliminated from the North and South hands, it would be time enough to attack the diamond suit. The diamond ace should be cashed and a low diamond led toward the closed hand. It would not matter how whether or not East played his king; declarer would not have to guess correctly. Let us suppose the worst—that declarer guessed wrong and put in the ten spot, losing to West's jack. West would have to return a spade or heart, on either of which dummy could discard its last diamond while declarer was ruffing. Only in the case of West's holding both the king and jack of diamonds, with a guard would this plan go astray, and with that situation no other plan (except a double dummy play) would be any better.

To-morrow's Hand
 South dealer.
 Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 6 3 2
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ K J 10 3
 ♠ A 10 8
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ Q 6 5 3
 ♣ 7 2
 ♠ A 6 5
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ J 10 2
 ♣ A 6 5

How should East-West defend against three notrump?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

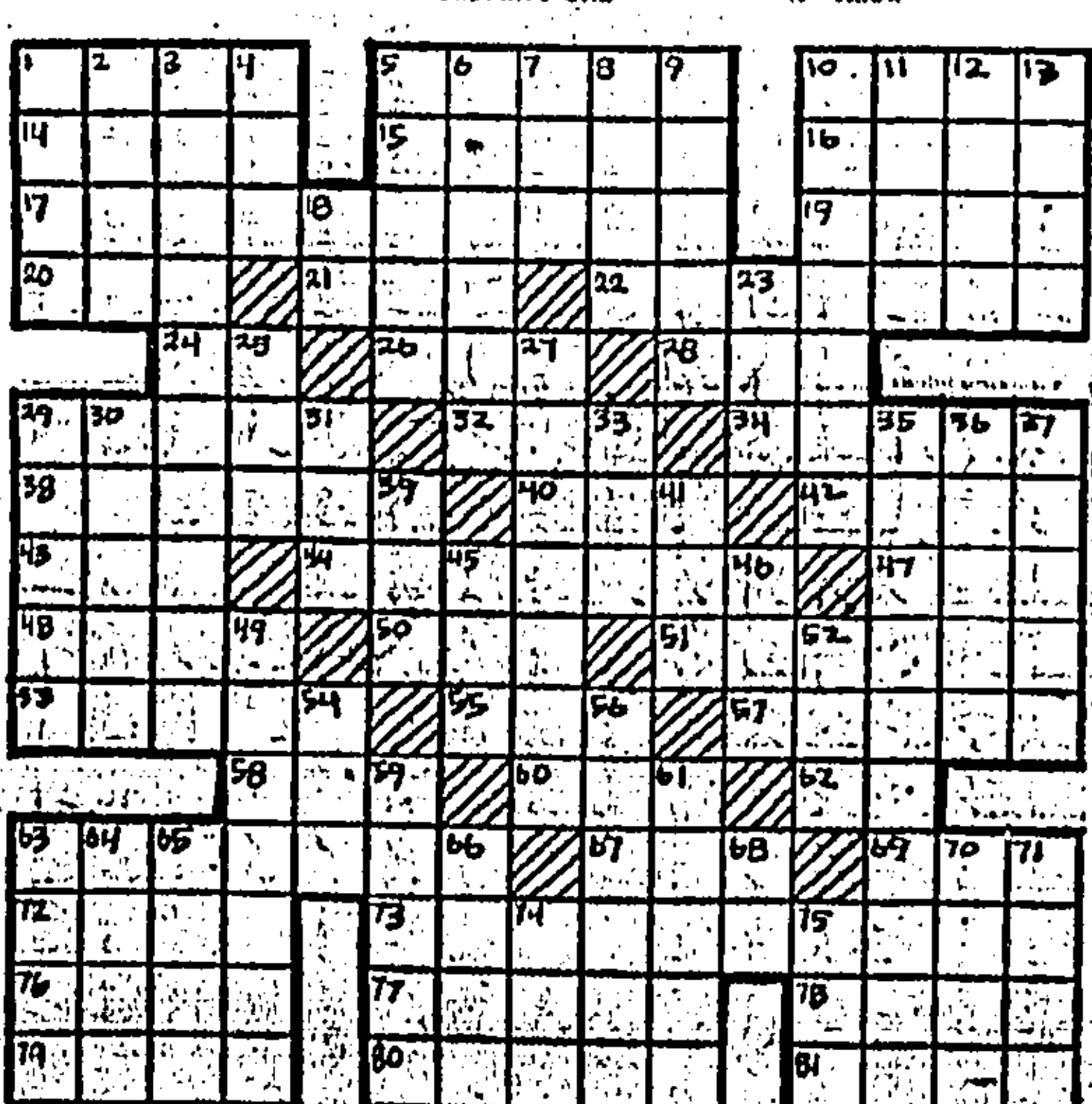
ACROSS

- Coverings for heads
- Stretched tight
- Wolf-hound
- Unit of area
- Local opening
- Ill-favored beast of Africa
- Polish brew
- Noise
- Gunfire mental
- Newfoundland
- Volcano (symbol)
- Acquiescent
- Young male
- Atmosphere
- Change
- Out of war of
- Electricity particle
- Blender spin
- Act of passing over
- Chinese silica glass
- Snare
- In addition
- Attacked with
- Poison gas
- Belit
- Obscene who mimick
- Not counting weight
- Of conifers
- French: apost
- Max's clone
- Without interest
- Chinese deity
- Love (Scottish)
- Miscellaneous
- German's name for Germany

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Goggles
 2—Taut
 3—Greyhound
 4—Acre
 5—Den
 6—Manticore
 7—Kiel
 8—Bang
 9—Machine
 10—Labrador
 11—Volcano
 12—Assent
 13—Young male
 14—Atmosphere
 15—Change
 16—Out of war of
 17—Electricity particle
 18—Blender spin
 19—Act of passing over
 20—Chinese silica glass
 21—Snare
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COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

Ex-Shah Disgorges Part Of Loot From Iranians

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

TEHERAN, Sept. 22.—Seven new Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Premier Faruqi has presented to Parliament. The remaining four members were in the makeshift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Iranian military resistance.

The most important of the new Ministers are: Foreign Affairs.—Ali Sahali, former Minister of the Interior and at one time Ambassador to Kabul. War Minister.—General Ahmed Nakhjavan, whom the Shah dismissed from the War Ministry and threw into prison when the "Cease Fire" was ordered.

Minister of the Interior.—General Amonollah Jahanbani, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship.

Minister of Education.—Dr Issa Sadegh, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University. The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong. The two embassies sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan have now returned, bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah cedes all his property in Iran to the Iranian people. The ex-Shah still retains his enormous wealth deposited in foreign banks, mostly in America, estimated by some Iranians to total nearly £45,000,000.

Allies Outside Teheran

SIMLA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communique issued here. It says: "Owing to atmospheric disturbances communications with Iran and Iraq were subjected to interference. In the last few days, it is now established that recent press and radio reports to the effect that Allied troops have occupied Teheran are incorrect. Allied forces are still encamped outside the city."

Grady Reaches Bombay

Investigating For U.S.

BOMBAY, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Dr Henry Grady, President Roosevelt's special economic investigator in the Far East arrived in Bombay en route to Colombo and told "Reuter's" that he was the part of the world represented by India, Burma, Malaya, Dutch East Indies, the Philippines and South China was very important in respect of raw material, both mineral and vegetable.

It was, therefore, tremendously important that this area should make the fullest contribution by intensifying the production of raw materials so that Britain and the United States could be adequately supplied with the materials needed for production of war materiel.

Emphasising the need for maximum effort, Dr Grady said that while the tide seemed to be turning against the Axis at present, it would be a vital mistake to be complacent because of the failure of many countries conquered by the Nazis.

U. S. CAN SUPPLY ALL TANKS AND SMALL GUNS

CHICAGO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The United States defence programme has reached a point where it is able to meet all demands for tanks, small guns and ammunition, declared Mr William Knudsen, Director-General of the Office of Production Management, here to-day.

Calling for a still greater effort, he declared that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through, regardless of the sacrifices we have to make in our comfortable standard of living." "I think that it behooves us all to wake up."

PETAIN ROUNDLY CONDEMNED

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The first New York press comment on Marshal Petain's broadcast yesterday was a biting condemnation of the speech which writer in the newspaper "P.M." calls a "Blot on the history of France's leadership." "It adds," he "insults the French people. No one need wonder any more, the second Battle of France is the fight against France's traitor, Petain, as well as against Hitler. Petain should take a look at France's history. He would find out that it is a French tradition to attack the enemies of France and to fight against traitors."

Maisky With Tank Workers Of Britain

Inspiration To Russians

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Russian Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands to-day to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week." Madame Maisky named the first tank, which was of the Valentine type, "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for these very excellent machines on behalf of himself, his country and people, and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battlefield."

Immediately following the ceremony, the tanks rumbled off to the docks on the first stage of their journey to Russia. On some tanks nearing completion were painted or chalked names of—Karl Marx, Lenin, Timoshenko, Budenny and Voroshilov. One tank almost ready for delivery bore these words: "Moscow, here I come."

Every Second Counts

As soon as M. Maisky's train pulled into the Midlands station, M. Maisky saw two Valentine tanks, one flying the Union Jack and the other the Red flag. They were covered with posters announcing "Tanks for Russia—every second counts." Touring the factory, he saw slogans such as "Another One for Joe" and "Rust for the Union Jack" and told M. Maisky that they were working 60½ hours a week to turn out weapons for Russia. The first factory visited had a Red flag fluttering from the roof. "It looks to me a very efficient factory," said Maisky, "and the impression we got was very enthusiastic."

Workers Doing Their Best

He noticed all slogans and Russian names printed on the sides of tanks and "this was a great inspiration to me. I know that the Midlands are a very great and active industrial centre and I am not surprised at the very great production going on. We are satisfied that the workers are doing their best to turn out tanks for Russia and they seem very enthusiastic. We want these tanks to get to Russia as soon as possible and we want as many as you can send. We can use all of them and in any quantities."

Frenchmen Brave Channel In Canoe To Join De Gaulle

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Five young Frenchmen, who escaped from France in a frail canoe and struggled for 30 hours in the Channel, landed at Eastbourne last week. They were received to-day by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill and Mrs Churchill at the Prime Minister's official residence, No. 10 Downing Street.

The Frenchmen were still clad in a variety of clothing. One wore a white duffel coat and a pair of wooden sabots. Another wore blue shorts. The others wore golf jackets and plus fours still showing evidence of their daring voyage across the Channel.

Mr Churchill gave the toast, "Vive la France! Vive the Free French Force."

Challenges Pres. Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UP).—Representative Hamilton Fish to-day challenged President Roosevelt "to do the only honest and honourable thing" and present a war resolution to Congress. He said that the time had arrived when the country must face the issue squarely. He predicted that a war resolution would fall by a two to one vote in the House.

He declared that the President, unless ready to present a war issue, should clarify his "shoot first" order to the navy to not mean to sink Axis warships wherever found.

LONDON, Sept. 22 (British Wireless).—All women born in 1914 are required to register on September 27 under the Registration for Employment Order.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
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T.T. Batavia	46 1/2
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T.T. Saigon	100
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T.T. Australia	170 1/2

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4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
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 8.32 Compositions of Maurice Ravel.
 9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
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 9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).
 9.45 Debussy—The Children's Corner Suite.
 Alfred Cortot (Pianoforte Solo).
 10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.
 10.15 An Hour of Variety and Dance Music.
 11.15 Close Down.

Chungking Scorn For Germans

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (Central News).—On behalf of the Chinese Government, the Minister of Publicity, Dr Wang Shih-chieh stated at his Press Conference this afternoon, "Military reports from the Eastern front of Europe have aroused and continue to heighten unqualified admiration among the Chinese for the valour and patriotism of the Soviet soldiers and people."

"In the past week, Kiev has been subjected to violent, mass attacks. But whatever vicissitudes any particular war area may experience, the broad fact remains that the Nazi blitzkrieg has already proved a failure in Russia. German losses are reported to be very heavy, while the morale and strength of the Soviet Army remain high."

"The German propaganda that the Soviet Army could be liquidated within six to eight weeks is now being belied all over the world, just as the Japanese claim four years ago that they could finish the so-called 'China Incident' within three months."

Sir Charles Wilson Invited To Moscow

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It is learned authoritatively that Mr Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow.

Sir Charles will report to Mr Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.

Missions Arrive
 LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—The British and American Missions to Moscow have arrived by air on Soviet territory.

Hope For U.S.-Japan Talks Not Yet Dead

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 22 (UP).—Despite Mr Cordell Hull's repeated refusals to discuss the Japanese-American "exploratory talk," diplomatic sources here insist that parallel negotiations are still continuing at Tokyo and Washington which are aimed at establishing a basis from which the two nations can proceed into a more concrete stage, aimed at eventual rapprochement.

The "United Press" has learned from the most reliable sources that leaders in Tokyo last week fully anticipated that the preliminary stage of the negotiations was on the verge of being passed which would open the way for further negotiations.

What constituted the preliminary stage is not entirely clear; however,

these sources believed that they envisaged a broad general statement on the part of the two nations, the chief of which would be the announcement of Japan's willingness to forego further aggression northward and southward, and pledge open negotiations aimed at a settlement of the China war.

Inter-Allied Conference In London

Post-War Switch

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The main items for debate at the forthcoming Inter-Allied Conference in London shortly will, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent, probably be (1) The Atlantic Charter signed by Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt; (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all Allied countries; Mr Churchill will be the principal British representative. Russia will be represented for the first time at these conferences and her delegate is expected to be the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky. All Allied countries will naturally subscribe to the aims of the Atlantic Charter. It is thought that post-war plans will be discussed for the switch-over from war to peacetime production, including the collection and storage of raw materials and their distribution where the need is greatest in the countries concerned. The idea, it is assumed, is that reconstruction shall be tackled as an international problem—with mutual co-operation instead of leaving each country to act as it finds possible.

Munitions Explosion In Bohemia

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—An important munitions works at Vlasin in Southern Bohemia has been destroyed as the result of a violent explosion, according to news reaching Czechoslovak circles in London, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The works were concerned with filling shelling cases with explosives. It is known that at least 90 Germans brought from the Reich to work in this factory are among the wounded now undergoing hospital treatment, but nothing is known as to the number killed. Following the explosion, German troops immediately surrounded the wrecked buildings and investigation was started, but thus far this has proved quite fruitless.

At almost the same time, a power-station at Trebenice was wrecked by another explosion, a great part of the buildings being destroyed.

Speed Up, Urges Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day talked with Congressional leaders in order to speed up the enactment of the new six billion Lend and Lease appropriation and also regarding the one hundred million dollar defence funds to keep war air moving to the nations battling the Axis.

Leaders predicted that the new Lend and Lease bill hearings will require two weeks.

They also discussed the necessity for the enactment of price control legislation.

Enemy Of Britain In Japanese Legation?
 CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram Kattam" cites a "reliable source" for a report from Toheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Toheran.

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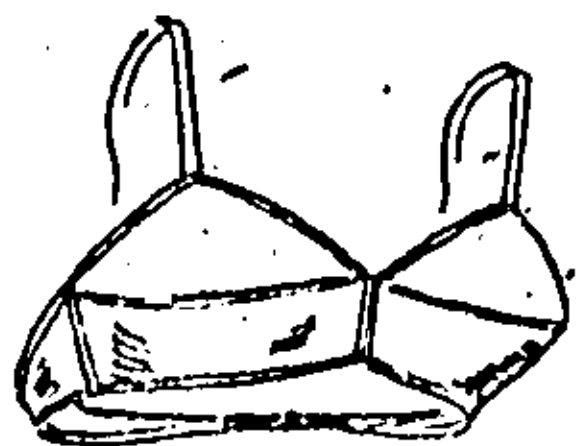
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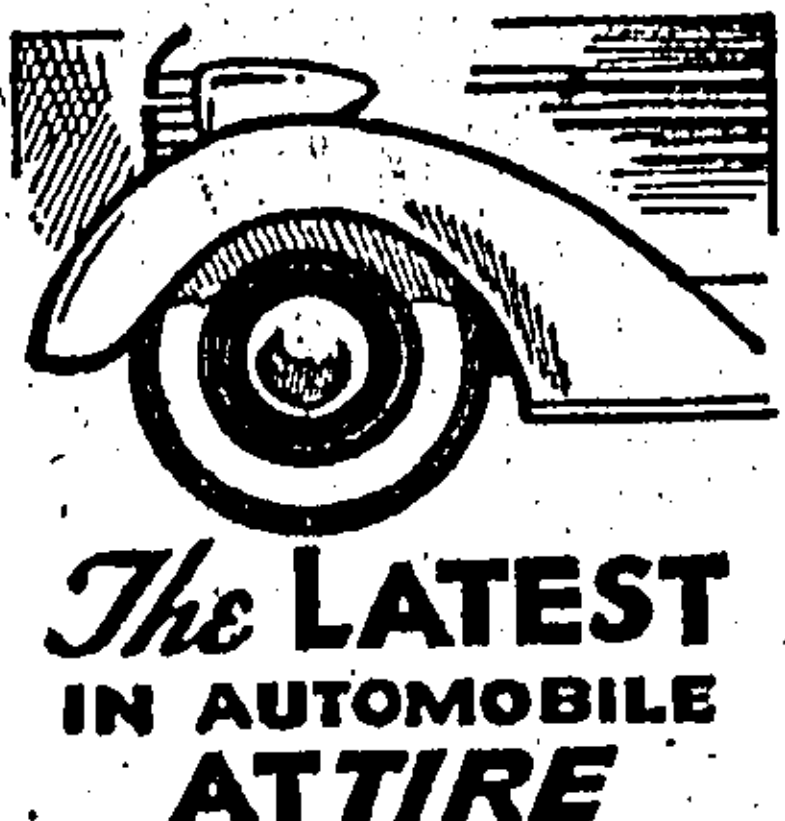
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BULGARIA

Bulgaria now appears to have been forced to the cross-roads: is she going to declare war against Russia or Turkey which means acquiescence to the Axis, or is she going to retain neutrality which will be a defeat for Hitler's policy.

Bulgaria has had a most unfortunate history most of it step-marked by wrong decisions by its leaders at fateful moments. Even the choice between Constantinople and Rome—the Greek Orthodox Church and Roman Catholicism—made by the first Boris one thousand years ago comes into this category for it paved the way for religious dissension which split from the Bulgarian Empire Albania and Macedonia. After a short period of Turkish rule the Bulgars rose again to independence but from 1396 to 1878 they endured the oppressive demands of the Turks in a dark and as it seemed permanent period of history which must seem to them still as horrific as anything the Nazis can conjure up.

With the aid of Russia this stupifying, stultifying and barbarous period came to an end and Bulgaria regained her independence. She endured the vicissitudes of Balkan politics until the Great War when she elected to fight with the Central Powers and suffered in the peace treaty considerable diminution of territory to gratify Rumania, Turkey, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Bulgaria does not want to fight Turkey. If her people were consulted they would be satisfied that their old enemy was no longer a menace to them; they would want to continue in their peaceful peasant ways. The last country in the world they would want to fight is Russia.

However, Bulgaria is another country where the bulk of the people have no say in their affairs. Boris has been dictator since he ousted the cliques who hummed round the Government—reactionaries, anti-peasant, pro-Fascists movements, revisionist groups, republicans. Bulgaria sold herself into Axis hands trying at first to off-set the Balkan Entente, then to retain her neutrality and now, back to the wall, she thinks only of that final throw: the struggle

They Can't Lick the British Sense of Humour

WAR is a grim business, and it would certainly gag most of us if it were not for the happy fact that the national sense of humour comes to our rescue. But there is more to it than just a general sharpening of the community funny bone; individually we become more ready to crack jokes, as well as more appreciative of others' jokes. We all realise the truth of the old ditty:

"A bit of humour now and then
is relished by the best of men!"

This may seem an eccentric state of affairs when war is such a horrible experience; we should laugh less instead of more. Yet there is a psychological basis to it. Laughter is a type of "defence mechanism." As Kobold Knight assures us, "a sense of humour is like Medea's magic ointment, which quickly heals every wound and renders one immune." Few things assuage burdened minds as much as hearty laughter; a person without a sense of humour is without one strong shield against the batterings of outraged fortune.

In this respect the British people are perhaps the best armoured. There may be jokes in Berlin and Rome; but they are as funeral psalms compared to the salubrious stuff and nourishing nonsense dished up in London by the whimsy artists of the nation. And the saints be praised for that!

Humour is an intangible but stout defence in war. We may expect to endure the hardships and the horrors of conflict longer and with less spiritual casualty, if we have a joke or two to take refuge in. The lit of laughter, even sad laughter, is invaluable.

For this reason an examination for British war humour may have lessons for us. What is its pattern? What are its consequences?

There are four kinds of British war humour: First there is the work of the jokesmiths who either concoct war jokes out of whole cloth, as the saying is, or who seize upon war incidents and "tailor" them into full-fledged anecdotes.

Then there are actual unconsciously droll incidents that happen and circulate as war stories in their own right. Thirdly, there are funny remarks made during moments of excitement. And, finally, there are the inimitable British placards and notices taking humorous advantage of wartime conditions.

Look first at samples of the jokesmith's art. One of their best "whole cloth" jokes is about a young sergeant who asked the sergeant-major for advice in framing a charge for which there was no example in King's Regulations:

"What was the man doing, exactly?" asked the sergeant-major.

"Flirting with a girl in the park, sir."

"Well," said the sergeant-major solemnly, "charge him with impersonating an officer."

for bare existence as an independent unit.

If she elects for the Axis she will have sold her soul for temporary gain and the hate of Russians and Turks: the alternative is to defy the Axis to turn her from neutrality and to rely on the unstable conditions in southeastern Europe and Hitler's unconsolidated gains to keep the Axis hordes from forcing her hand.

Another "whole cloth" war-time joke is an adaptation of an old favourite:

Office boy: "Please, sir, could I have to-morrow afternoon off?"

Employer: "Your grandmother, I suppose?"

Office boy: "Exactly, sir. She's making her first parachute jump."

Look next at "tailored" jokes, that is, war incidents that have been seized upon by the whimsy artists and turned into full-fledged anecdotes. For instance, there is the one about the British pilot who got lost and landed at Curragh in Kildare.

Growled the tough Irish sergeant who greeted him: "Twould fit ye better to thank God you're not a dead man, for a corpse ye'd surely be, landing like this without warning, only for our anti-aircraft gun is after going to Dublin for repair because young Mick here jammed it blazing into a flock of wild geese that came overhead last Saturday night."

Then there is the "tailored" joke about the young officer returning from leave abroad. He was just about to take his place in an air liner when a girl ran up and asked the passengers if any one of them would be kind enough to sell her their seat as her mother was dangerously ill and the liner was full up.

The young officer gave up his seat and wired his C.O.: "Given

birth to girl. Returning by next plane." The reply he received ran: "Congratulations. Your next confinement will be in barracks."

These jokes, and literally hundreds more like them, circulating among Britain's civilian and military population, are a powerful benison. They cheer and enliven spirits. There is no doubt that they have been in large part responsible for the British ability "to take it." Familiar with such conscious drollery, the British become unconsciously droll!

A zealous ARP warden, during a blackout, saw the lighthouse on Barra Head going about its business of illuminating nearly a hundred square miles of ocean. That, of course, was right and proper, and the warden nodded with satisfaction; ships at sea had to be guided from the shoals, blackout or no blackout.

And then the warden suddenly stiffened. What did he see? With a resounding oath he rushed down to the shore, commanded a boat and plunged through the waves towards the lighthouse. Coming within hailing distance, he bawled out through a megaphone:

The keeper thrust his head over the rim of the towering structure. "Man," shouted the sergeant-major for a warden, "don't you know this is a blackout and you're supposed to pull your window blinds down?"

A second engineer serving on a trawler during the evacuation of troops from Namsos left his engine room and went on deck during a fierce Nazi bomb attack on his ship. He thought he could be of more use up top than down below. He was. He did tremendous work carrying ammunition to the trawler's one anti-aircraft gun. And as he trotted from shell box to gun, reckless of the bombs falling all around his ship, the second engineer sang "Pennies From Heaven."

A bomb dropped in a south England river and a local angler exclaimed indignantly: "This turn her from neutrality and to rely on the unstable conditions in southeastern Europe and Hitler's unconsolidated gains to keep the Axis hordes from forcing her hand."

Said a British commercial traveller, throwing his napkin angrily on the table in a south-east town restaurant: "I don't

mind these raids, but I wish to goodness they wouldn't come at lunch time. It's just thought-
less!"

How these Britishers can "take it!" With a sense of humour second to none in the world, they are stoutly and impenetrably armoured. And nowhere is their drollery more in evidence than in their placard-ing. It has become a new war-time art, each trying to outdo his neighbour in laugh-producing signs.

A Dover rooming house proprietor puts a card in his window as soon as a vacancy occurs. The card invariably reads: "Nice rooms with every convenience, facing the enemy." A placard in a public building in one of the raided suburbs of London used to read: "Don't worry—it may never happen." After a very sharp attack the placard reappeared with a slight change: "Don't worry—Hitler has missed us again."

One night a bomb fell in the centre of a street in the shopping district, blowing out all the plate glass windows in the nearby stores. One proprietor immediately put up a sign: "Open as usual." His competitor across the street went one better. His sign read: "More open than usual!" A South London barber, after the upper part of his shop had been blown away by a bomb, nailed the following notice on his door: "I have had a close shave. What about you?"

But the prize for seizing upon the exigencies of war and whimsically turning them to good account came from a London flower-seller following the British anti-rumour campaign. This stout-hearted lady put up a placard over her posies. It read: "Don't talk in your sleep, there may be a Jerry under your bed. Say it with flowers, instead."

No wonder an old man, placidly painting his house during an air raid, mildly replied when told to come down to safety: "Bombs? I thought it was the wind shaking my ladder!" No wonder when the blushing bride said "I do" during a not interrupt the marriage ceremony the bridegroom grinned and remarked: "This is a good start!"

No wonder a certain English lady in her very late seventies, receiving a cable from an American friend suggesting she visit the United States for the "duration," promptly replied: "Hearty thanks charming invitation, hope to accept when ultimate victory is secured!"

There is something tremendously inspiring in such high-spiritedness in the face of an implacable enemy. Simple, spontaneous, stirring, these reactions to disaster and death prove above all things that the British have a resilience that will be hard, if not impossible, to snap. That national sense of humour is their most powerful defence.

Good cheer is the basis of an inflexible determination to win, and ability to laugh is the basis of good cheer. Let us therefore strongly fortify ourselves with laughter. This is one case where he who laughs first will also laugh last—and loudest.

WHAT THE SOVIET LEADERS TOLD ME

By Arthur Wauters

When Germany attacked the Soviets I called to mind conversations which I had had with Soviet statesmen during my travels in Russia.

We are, one of them told me, the heirs of the French Revolution and we shall escape a repetition of their mistakes. There will be no Thermidor for Communist Russia. There will be no imitation of the Girondins who had pushed on a war outside the country in order to take people's attention off the difficulties within. The man who told me this was shot by Stalin with many others.

It is perfectly true that the Russians have not attempted to export Communism at bayonet point. Russia is the only country in the world ruled by a Communist Government. This is not the case as far as Fascism and Totalitarian Governments are concerned for they have succeeded in taking over the direction of a considerable number of countries. The conflict between Trotsky and Stalin was based entirely on this difference of basic ideology. The latter wished to perfect the Socialist State within Russia in peace and the former only believed in the triumph of Communism if it were brought about by world revolution.

Peace Policy

Soviet Russia has attempted to remain entirely self-contained. She has, as far as possible, remained outside military conflicts. She has not fully succeeded in this latter aim. The Communist Parties in all the Democratic countries exploited to the full the Munich agreement. They denounced the capitulation and weakness of Chamberlain and Daladier, but when they found themselves face to face with identical difficulties they quickly put into application a peace policy. This at one time reached the level of fawning on Germany.

All these efforts, however, have not been able to preserve them from war. They are now within the sphere of hostilities. The Communist slogan of "Imperialist War" has vanished. It cannot be used again for a long time by Communist propagandists in the world. Stalin, who has always claimed to be a complete follower of Lenin, was obliged by force of circumstances to fight. He could not allow Germany to seize his agricultural products, his mineral riches and, above all, his oil, which supplies his motorised army and agriculture.

Leninism

Leninism believed that it would be best, by giving up territory every time that it became necessary, to allow the great Capitalist countries to wear themselves out through conflict so that, profiting by their weakness at the end of such a war, the Communists could spread among them destroying the social structure and attempt to establish Communist Governments.

To-day Russia, like the other countries, is exposed to the same exhaustion which results from world warfare.

Russia has also known a Thermidor which cost the lives of a very large number of Officers. We do not know how far this factor will have effect in the future evolution of operations.

When Trotsky succeeded, after brilliant victories, in destroying the White Russians and chasing the Allied armies from the New Europe, the objective factors for "a Bonapartist attempt" were in embryo. Trotsky did not wish at that time to make use of the high prestige which he enjoyed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You win, Adele—They DID have shoes in all those boxes!"

Savage Fighting In Progress: Ordered Retreat By Budenny

LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—Following the statement announced by Moscow and the German report that the capital of the Ukraine is in a state of "indescribable devastation", interest is today focussed upon the savage fighting which is proceeding east of the city.

Here regulars of the Soviet army, supplemented by detachments of the Home Guard, are reported to be fighting a gallant rearguard action. Reports of the outcome of this fighting are keenly awaited. Meanwhile the Germans claim to have annihilated large bodies of troops in this area and to have taken 150,000 prisoners.

The reluctant Nazi admission that the Russians have left behind only a city of ruins and wreckage would indicate that Marshal Budenny made an orderly retreat.

Professing concerns for Kiev's population, the Germans declare: "By their destructive rage, the Bolsheviks have endangered the lives of tens of thousands in the cruellest fashion." But it is pointed out here that there is no basis for this statement.

Orderly Withdrawal

In fact observers here take hope from the German reports considering that the thorough devastation inflicted on this holy Russian city indicates not only an orderly withdrawal of the armed forces but that Kiev's civilians were properly evacuated.

This would indicate considerable preparation beforehand and would imply that the city's defenders had laid plans in advance by which they hope to insure the outcome of the engagements which are now proceeding.

Budenny's New Line

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A special correspondent of the official Italian news agency wired to-night that Marshal Budenny had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Dnieper River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.

Hungarian Communique
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Hungarian General Staff to-night issued a communique saying:

"The Soviet forces that escaped encirclement east of the Dnieper are being pursued towards the east. Their rearwards are attempting a counter-attack but liaison between the different units seems to have been broken and resistance weakening. This suggests that the Soviet Command has renounced its efforts to continue the fighting between the Dnieper and the Donetz and is concentrating on organizing its retreating forces behind the latter river."

"Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

Advance On Odessa

VICHI, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Italian Press reports state that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidiopolis, 25 miles southwest of Odessa, after heavy fighting, and are now advancing to the coast towards Odessa.

Ovidiopolis is at the mouth of the river Danube, which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

German Boasting

BERLIN, Sept. 22 (UP).—Competent German sources to-night reported the sinking or damaging of 27 Soviet ships including 16 warships.

Chinese Holding Changsha Thrust

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (Central News).—Chinese onslaughts against the Japanese columns pressing southward from Yochow toward Changsha, capital of Hunan, are most successful, according to the latest field dispatches.

Chinese mobile units operating north of the Milo River and to the left flank of the Japanese are simultaneously hammering at Yanglinchih, approximately 30 kilometres east of the Canton-Hankow Railway (on the southern bank of the Sinitang River), Kwangchingchiao, some 15 kilometres southeast, and Changloehieh, further south on the northern shore of the Milo River.

The Japanese central column totalling more than 10,000 strong has been dislodged from Kwangchingchiao, while steady progress is being made by the Chinese at the two other places.

Chinese counter-attacks have arrested the Japanese southward drive which aims at either the capture of Changsha or the plundering of the newly harvested rice in the fertile region. At the same time, Chinese forces are determined to repeat the signal success over the enemy in the same battleground in December of 1939.

Crossing The Milo

Along the Milo River, the Japanese attempted crossings at four different points, namely, the main unit totalling over 3,000 men from the Changloehieh sector, the left wing consisting of about 1,000 men from Wukou further up the Milo, and two more from below Changloehieh at Hsin-shih and Kweiyi.

The central column has suffered most heavily from Chinese gunfire. However, the invaders are still making desperate efforts to maintain a foothold. The Wukou unit has lost more than 400 killed and wounded and it is now invested by the Chinese. The Hsin-shih unit of 2,000 men is now on the defensive, while the Kweiyi unit has been driven back to the north bank of the Milo River.

Many Vessels Sunk

During the past three days, the enemy attempted in vain to land troops by air or by craft from the Tungting Lake in the Yingling, Liulin and Liulin sectors at the mouth of the Hsiang River to the west of the Canton-Hankow Railway. In Yingling alone, 80 motor launches and more than 20 wooden vessels have been sunk as well as over 500 Japanese troops killed.

Plane Downed

CHANGSHA, Sept. 22 (Central News).—One of the Japanese planes raiding Siangyin, 34 miles north of Changsha, this morning was shot down by Chinese ground defence and fell into the Tungting Lake north of Changsha.

Japanese troops on the northern bank of the Milo River fleeing from Wukou and Changloehieh toward Tungling were intercepted by the Chinese this morning at Yuchikwan and are being attacked.

Back fighting is progressing near Lulin on the west bank of the Sinitang River, where the Japanese are making a renewed attempt to effect a landing. The Japanese unit landed there yesterday was driven back with over 100 losses.

Southern Drive

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (UP).—A communique issued to-day states that a Japanese naval landing party numbering more than 1,000 which landed at Kwonghol, South Kwangtung coast on Saturday morning was directed at Tushan, the southern terminus of the Toishan railway, the same night.

The Japanese moved northward along the railway and highway Sunday morning and fierce fighting is going on south of Toishan. Tushan is ten kilometres north of Kwonghol whereas Toishan is 24 kilometres north of Tushan.

Exiled Greek Government In London

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The King and Queen drove to Euston Station to meet King George of Greece to-night. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr Winston Churchill, Mr Anthony Eden and other members of the Government were also present.

A large crowd welcomed the Greek King with cheers.

Message of Hope

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—In a message to the British people on the occasion of his arrival with King George of Greece in Britain, the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Emmanouel Tsouderos, said:

"We are extremely happy to find ourselves here among the British people where we intend to carry on to the very end this struggle at the side of the British against the Nazi and Fascist tyrants of Europe. We are going to build up our resources to continue this fight until victory, of which I am confident. It is impossible to say how long we shall stay here. We are tremendously proud to come to London, the capital not only of the British Empire but of all freedom-loving peoples."

Princess Aspasia

LONDON, Sept. 22 (British Wireless).—Amongst the Greek Royal party which arrived in Britain today were Princess Aspasia and her daughter Princess Alexandra. The President of the Council before boarding the train, said that the journey from Greece began exactly five months ago when the King and Government left for Crete.

SERIOUS BLOW

But Loss Of Kiev Is Not Knock-out

WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST"

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It would be idle to deny that the loss of Kiev is a serious blow. The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general or those of Marshal Budenny in particular.

It shows that if a determined commander is prepared to pay the price he can achieve very considerable successes, but the price at Kiev must have been appallingly high and the question is bound to arise sooner or later: "How often will the Germans be able to afford it?"

With the conquest of each position, a new one seems to rear itself before the German advance and new armies appear which show the same undaunted resolution of those who have failed back after inflicting a maximum of punishment on the enemy.

Sugaring The Pill

It is significant that the Germans seized the moment of the capture of Kiev to publish their first detailed list of the alleged losses in the first three months of the campaign. Although over 400,000 casualties are admitted, the figures are felt by experts to be ridiculously low and it is evident that the High Command waited for some success to sugar the pill before they dared to make any announcement.

There is no further news as to the fighting at Leningrad or in the vicinity of Smolensk.

Further south the Germans appear to be aiming at Rostov in the mouth of the Don but Kharkov is more likely to be the next important target as it would threaten the whole Donetz Basin.

WHOLESALE THEFT OF RIVETS

Attempt To Bribe

"I regard your offence as a very serious one. In times like these, the ship building industry is very vital and in committing this offence, you have interfered materially in our war effort," said His Honour, the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, this morning.

He passed sentence on a woman, Tsang Shun-chung, found guilty by a Jury of receiving three tons of rivets knowing them to have been stolen from the Talkoo Dockyard. Accused was also found guilty of offering a bribe to Sergeant W. Kinloch.

Tsang was sentenced to six months hard labour and a fine of \$1,000 or a further six months on the first charge, and on the second charge, Accused was fined \$500 or six months' hard labour in default.

The Jury comprised Messrs Sing Man-I (Foreman), Fong Shui-chuen, Chan Chui-ling, Henry Chung, Keng Boon-kei, Chan Hoi-kee and Charles Lam Chui.

Mr J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada, Jr, represented Accused.

Police Patrol

Mr Murphy, opening the case, stated that on June 7, a lorry was stopped by a Police patrol car outside the entrance of the east gate of the Talkoo Dockyard. As the Police alighted from their car, Accused was seen to jump from the lorry and run towards the pavement. She was stopped and taken back to the lorry where it was discovered that the lorry contained a load of bolts and rivets.

Accused was then put in the Police car. On the way to the Shaukiwan Police Station, Sgt Kinloch, who was driving the car, noticed Accused put her hand towards him with a bundle of banknotes at the same time saying "I will give these to you." The woman was then sent next to the Sergeant.

At Chinese detective seated behind the car attempted to grab Accused's hand but she quickly withdrew it and put the notes back into her pocket.

When charged, Accused stated, "I did not receive stolen property, I bought them from a marine store dealer."

Explosions In Home Factories

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—It is officially announced that one person was killed and three injured in a northwest factory explosion. The damage was slight and production was not affected.

Another explosion occurred in a Midlands factory causing a serious fire but the large staff escaped without injury.

King Boris To Make Fateful Decision

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, Sept. 22 (UP).—Turkish political circles report that King Boris of Bulgaria has either arrived at Hitler's headquarters or is about to leave for a most important conference.

It is believed these talks will precede a rupture within the next few days of Bulgarian-Russian relations and possibly a declaration of war against Russia.

It is believed that King Boris is strongly resisting a declaration of war but is likely to be overruled.

Wants Bulgarian Unity
SOFIA, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Premier, M. Filoff, addressing the directors and leaders of numerous Bulgarian professions to-day appealed for unity and a fight against Communism.

The press and radio simultaneously attacked Bolshevism. One radio commentator asserted that the Bulgarians should distinguish between the Czars and the present regime and concluded with a plea for a fight against Communism.

No State of Siege
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by Rome Radio.

(Another Radio on Friday last described it as a "state of emergency".)

CHEAP MEALS

LONDON, Sept. 22 (British Wireless).—The one-thousandth "British Restaurant" was opened to-day by Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food. This restaurant seats 250 people and provides two-course meals of meat, two vegetables, sweet and a cup of tea—at prices from 10d to one shilling.

COMPLAINANT HERSELF SUMMONED

Making a complaint at a Police Station, Mrs K. Waller, of No. 169 Boundary Street, was instead summoned for keeping a dog without a licence, before Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Sergeant N. J. Gunning stated that Mrs Waller went to the Police Station, complaining that her dog had been bitten on the neck by her neighbour's dog which leaped over the wall from next door on August 28.

The Sergeant visited her address and found the dog had not been licensed.

The Sergeant added that Mrs Waller's dog had been sent to Matankok for treatment and was killed on her own application. He understood that Defendant had spent quite a sum of money for the medical fee.

Defendant was fined \$2. Her neighbour, Tse Chuk, of No. 170 Boundary Street, was summoned for a similar offence and fined \$3.

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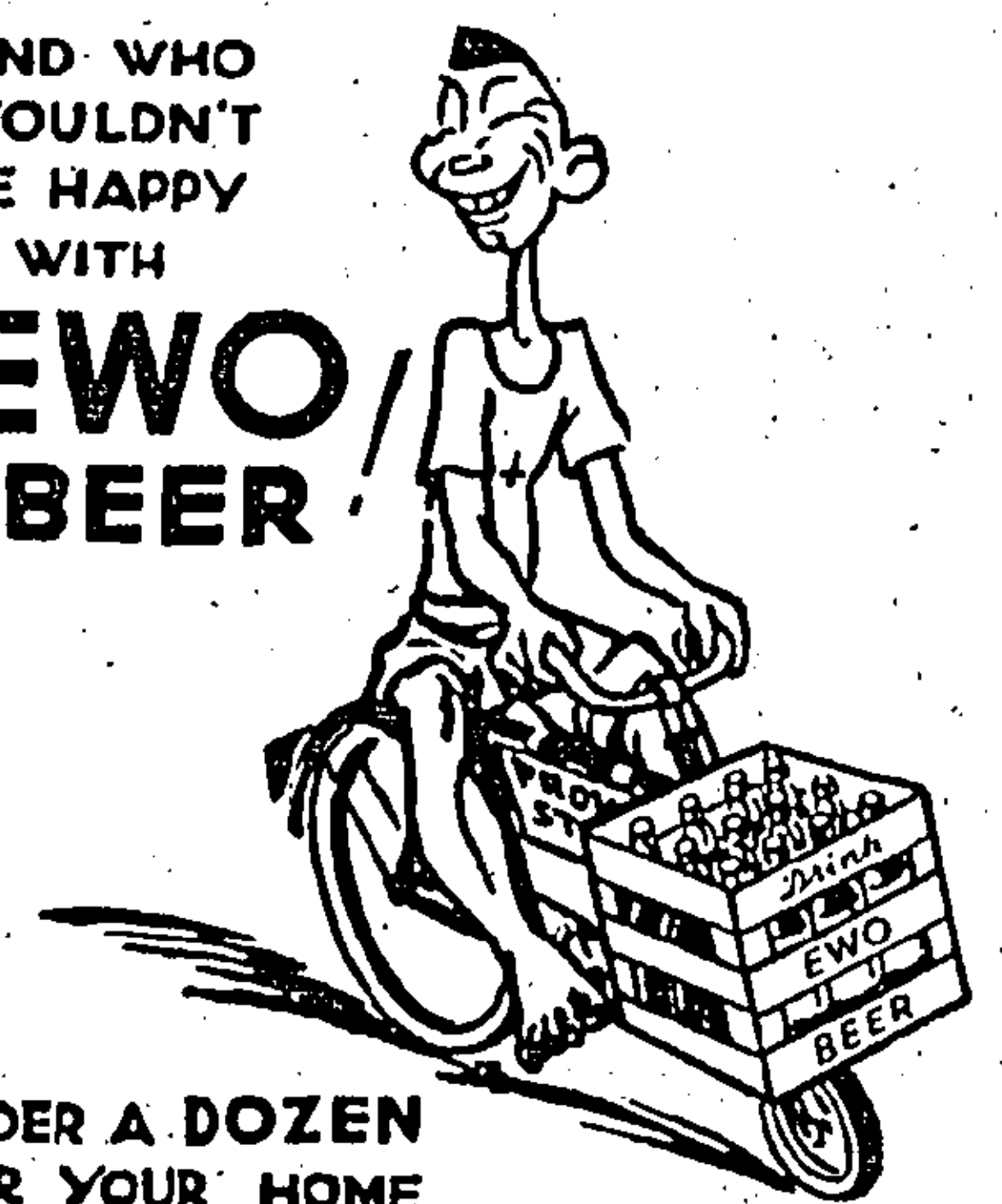
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His pal, Mr Expert Ball Fan, that gashouse guy who can chatter in a non-stop fashion and who can give you a complete running "tell-tale" encyclopaedia on the game from baseball's soup to nuts, sighs with satisfied relief at the thought that those hard baseballs, which are swung at and disposed of as carelessly as a playboy on a spending spree, can be produced by the manufacturers to the satisfaction of modern baseball's huge demand for more balls.

JUST after that old Civil War hero, Abner Doubleday, gave to the world his crowning achievement of a lifetime, in the discovery of this game called baseball, a perpetual demand for balls, was set into motion.

From 1850 until late in the sixties only two men working by hand were needed to make the baseballs used in match games at that time.

A far cry, that, from the A. J. Reach and Co. plant in Philadelphia which now can turn out hundreds of balls daily for use in many of the professional, semi-pro, amateur and college leagues in America.

Earliest popular baseball manufacturers were Harvey Ross of the Brooklyn Atlantics, a sail maker by trade, who constructed them in his own home, and John Van Horn of the Morrisania, New York, Union Club, whose factory was his little boot and shoe store.

One day in 1865, Benjamin F. Shibe, a leather worker, sought out

a baseball man for a practical discussion of his idea for standardised balls of uniform weight and size. He solicited Al Reach, one of the greatest players of the day, for advice. The outgrowth was a partnership in a small plant and sporting goods store in a Philadelphia frame building. They soon had a virtual monopoly on the manufacture of baseballs.

It was Tom Shibe, son of the co-founder of the company, who unwittingly brought about such improvements that the "lively ball" resulted.

In 1925, Shibe was still maintaining that there couldn't possibly be any difference in the balls used before the World War and those used in the home run era. In an attempt to prove his assertion, he bisected two balls—one made in 1912, one made in 1925. Their interiors looked just alike. Each had the same cork centre enclosed in a black ring of Para rubber, then a three-quarter-inch layer of tightly wrapped yarn, over which was stretched the cover of plumed-tanned horsehide.

But when an attempt was made to place the halves of the two balls together, again an amazing difference was noted. The 1912 ball fitted together almost as before. But the insides of the 1925 ball bulged out at the centre—it had much more "spring." When the halves were placed together there was almost an inch of space separating them at the covers.

Shibe reviewed his activities of the past several years and came up with what he considered the solution. He explained that just after the last year a high grade Australian wool yarn became available for the making of baseballs, and also added that they (the manufacturers) had improved their yarn-winding and cover-sewing machines to make a more perfect baseball.

So even Shibe, who had made the ball, was astonished to learn that the combination of better material and improved manufacture had created a more lively ball which changed the whole complexion of the game.

FREDERIC Rahr, a Harvard graduate who calls himself a "color engineer," is still trying to persuade the Major Leagues to adopt his yellow ball for better visibility. It was used in a couple of National League games in 1939, but nothing came of it.

Rahr insists that his bright yellow spheroid will help thousands of fans who have poor vision. He says it will also aid batters as well as pitchers and fielders, because of its high visibility. Chief problem is to find a yellow dye which won't rub off on sweaty fingers. Rahr also experimented with red baseballs, but found them unsatisfactory.

Many Major League managers who have seen dozens of balls pounded over the fences or fouled into the unremitting paws of customers, would like to effect the economy once demonstrated by a pair of American Association clubs. On April 11, 1917, only one ball was used in the Kansas City-Columbus game—a full length affair too.

Lecture On Soccer Laws To Referees

That a thorough knowledge of the laws of the game, plus absolute physical fitness were essential for a referee were among the points stressed by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, during his lecture on Association Football Laws at the Referees' class held at Scandal Point Hall last night.

Mr. de Silva dealt with Law No. 15, on the Throw-in. No. 16, on the goal-keeping, and No. 17, on the corner-kick, and after instructing the various infringements, official decisions, punishments and points in relation to the Law on Offside, Mr. de Silva dealt on co-operation between referee and linesmen.



FOR THIS THEY GAVE UP BASEBALL. . . . Men of the U.S.S. Mindanao try their hands at cricket. Third slip finds it puzzling. Apart from the fact that the slips are on the leg side, the wicket-keeper adopts a baseball catcher's stance, the batsman wields the willow like a baseball bat, and the next man in doesn't anticipate a long wait (sitting on the field behind the batsman) . . . apart from that, this is a cricket picture.—Ming Yuen.

National Records Shattered

Three Lai Tsun Swimmers Better 400-metres Time

Women's Breast-stroke Mark Broken

(By "Tinker")

WERE PROOF NEEDED of the improved standard of swimming in Hongkong, the trail of broken China National records at the Hongkong Chinese swimming championships would provide it. The Meet was one of two days, last night being the final half.

On Saturday, the first day, three records went by the board—the women's 100 metres backstroke, the men's 100 metres free-style, and the 1,600 free-style (which was bettered by Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun)—and yesterday two further marks were shattered—the women's 200 metres breast-stroke, and the men's 400 metres free-style (again by the Lai Tsun trio).

Shattered is the right word, for not one of these marks was broken by fractions of a second, but as in the men's 400 metres, by as much as 10.6 seconds!

Mrs. Li Po-luen, the brilliant South China A.A. breast-stroke champion, was responsible for the women's record last night, clipping no less than 7.7 seconds off the 1935 record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king.

Though all races were in metres, in order to conform with the length of the V.R.C. pool, the 400 metres free-style relay was made one of 400 yards, and the men's 50 metres free-style was made 50 yards.

Apart from the swimming, one of the noticeable features of the gala was the quiet and orderly manner in which it was conducted. Immediately following the results of each race, judges, walked up and handed in their results and walked away again. The official platform was not crowded with non-competing swimmers, and the whole was most efficient.

The Events

THE OPENING EVENT was the men's 400 yards free-style relay. Throughout it was a race between Lai Tsun (Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming and Yau Sai-kwan) and Sing Tao (Wong Sei-hung, Ng Nin, Tsui Wai-lam and Shek Kam-pui).

From the very start, Sing Tao went into the lead, and after Ng Nin had completed his lap they were some 10 yards ahead. Yau Sai-kwan, however, caught up considerably for Lai Tsun and reduced the deficit, finally losing by about four yards. Shek Kam-pui, Sing Tao's last man, was obviously taking it rather easy, for he had yet several events in which to swim.

First Record

THEN came the first of the broken records. Miss Li Po-luen walked away with the women's 200 metres breast-stroke title, practically doubling her lead over every 80 yards. She eventually finished about half the bath in the fore, and her time of 3 mins. 30.8 secs. bettered the National record.

Miss Ho Wai-man offered a challenge for the first 100 yards, but then dropped back to take second place.

Back-stroke Race

THE MEN'S 100 metres back-stroke was a very fine race. Chan Kam-cheong got home by 0.3 of a second, while Lau Yik-ting was only 0.6 of a second ahead of Shek Kam-pui. As the spectator, it seemed that there was only a touch in it.

Over the first 50 yards, Lau Yik-ting was a foot or two in the lead, with Shek Kam-pui about the same distance ahead of Chan Kam-cheong. They maintained this order down the third length, and then Chan Kam-pui commenced his great spurt that gradually pushed himself to the front. Shek Kam-pui and Lau Yik-ting staged a great fight, the latter getting the decision by a touch.

Easy Win

MISS HO WAI-KING had an easy victory in the women's 50 yards free-style, but there was a keen tussle between Miss Mok Sum-lan and Miss Su Wai-ying for second.

Novelty Race

THE GALA being in aid of Othorpaedic Centres of Free China, there was a raffle on the numbers on the programme—the prize being a water-polo ball.

It was conducted on the lines of a Race Meeting, each of the four starters in the men's 50 yards free-style carrying a number.

Tsui Hang was the favourite and won hands down in 25.2 seconds. Chan King-ping took second place 1.4 seconds behind.

Record Breaking Trio

LAI TSUN provided their record breaking trio—Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—for the men's 400 metres free-style, and it was a pleasure to see the way in which they swept up and down the pool always in line. From the first to the last the order was the same as that of the finish, there never being more than a yard separating the three over the first 350 yards.

Final Event

THE FINAL EVENT was another walk-over for Miss Ho Wai-king. She took first place in the women's 400 metres free-style in 7 mins 23.2 secs, 10.4 secs ahead of Miss Leung Oi-mui.

The lead, however, was only established over the last lap or so, for up till then Miss Leung had kept up very well with Miss Ho.

Results

Mr. Tso Yue-chuen, Chairman of South China Athletic Association and Chinese Bathing Club, presented the prizes.

Results: Men's 100 yards free-style relay—1. Sing Tao (Wong Sei-hung, Ng Nin, Chu Wai-lam, Shek Kam-pui); 2. Lai Tsun; 3. Eastern Time: 4 mins 4 secs. Women's 200 metres breast-stroke—1. Li Po-luen (South China); 2. Ho Wai-man (Lai Tsun); 3. Mok Sum-lan (Sing Tao). Time, 3 mins 30.8 secs. (Chinese national record). Men's 400 metres free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun). Time, 7 mins 23.2 secs. (Chinese national record). Women's 50 yards free-style—1. Ho Wai-king (C.N.C.); 2. Mok Sum-lan (Lai Tsun); 3. Ho Wai-ying (Lai Tsun). Time, 32 secs. Men's 50 yards free-style—1. Tsui Hang (Lai Tsun); 2. Chan King-ping (Lai Tsun); 3. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun). Time, 25.2 secs. Men's 100 metres back-stroke—1. Chan Kam-cheong (Lai Tsun); 2. Lau Yik-ting (Lai Tsun); 3. Shek Kam-pui (Lai Tsun). Time, 1 min 11.3 secs. Women's 100 metres back-stroke—1. Ho Wai-king (C.N.C.); 2. Mok Sum-lan (Lai Tsun); 3. Ho Wai-ying (Lai Tsun). Time, 1 min 11.3 secs.

Major Baseball

Dodgers Score Another Victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (UP).—Scoring another victory in the National League, Brooklyn Dodgers have moved further ahead in the table and have now eight points ahead of St. Louis Cardinals in the race for the League pennant.

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Brooklyn	5	8
Battery—Davis, Owen	5	8
Philadelphia	0	0
Chicago	0	0
Boston	3	9
Battery—Salvo, Berres	3	9
New York	5	9
Battery—Hubbell, Odea	5	9
Boston	2	6
Battery—Erickson, Lawry, Mas	2	6
New York	1	10
Battery—Kosloski, Danning	1	10
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Detroit	11	10
Battery—Benton, Thomas; Tebbets	11	10
Chicago	0	1
Battery—Dietrich, Humphries, Appleton; Turner	0	1
St. Louis	5	0
Battery—Niggeling, Ferrell	5	0
Cleveland	0	7
Battery—Feller, Traskuska, Desautels; Hegan	0	7

League Table

Nationals		
	W.	L.
Brooklyn	54	64
St. Louis	54	63
Cincinnati	54	64
Chicago	54	64
New York	54	64
Philadelphia	54	64
Boston	54	64
Philadelphia	54	64
Americans		
	W.	L.
New York	54	64
Boston	54	64
Cleveland	54	64
Detroit	54	64
Washington	54	64
St. Louis	54	64
Philadelphia	54	64

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Players in the League games must be regular full-time students in the school for which they play, and must continue as such throughout the League season.

Vichy Sentences Communists

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.—VICHY, Sept. 22 (UP).—The new State Tribunal to-day sentenced 35 Communists and acquitted twelve others. Four were sentenced to death, two to life terms at hard labour, one to 20 years and the rest, including nine women, from one to ten years' hard labour.

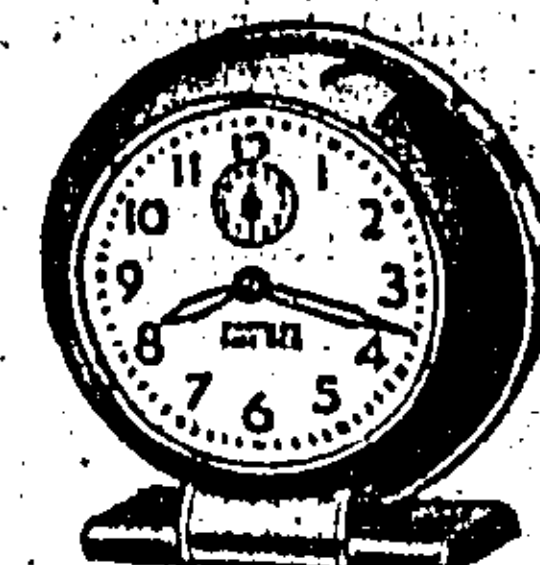
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Beating the Y.M.C.A. cagers in a hard-fought victory at Chinese "Y", Waterloo Road, yesterday, South China headed the League table and remained the only undefeated team.

In the first half both teams played hard for the lead. Although Y.M.C.A. at no time led the winners yet the score was never far apart. The score at the conclusion of the first half stood at 19-14 with South China leading.

The opening of the second stanza saw the losers within striking distance of South China. Y.M.C.A. gathered two consecutive shots to put them only three points behind their opponents.

The threat was soon over when South China put on full steam and left their opponents far behind. The final score was 44-23 in favour of South China.

The game was quite a rough one. Two players from each team were sent off for committing four personal fouls. The "Y" cagers showed bad shooting form, missing many easy under baskets. Their defence always left a gap open for the South China cagers.

South China's cagers were in top form. They showed excellent shooting and a strong defence. The final score was 44-23 in favour of South China.

As a curtain raiser to the exciting match, National University beat Youth 51-24. In the first half the match was very closely contested, with Youth always trailing. At the interval the winners led by only two points, the score being 20-18.

The second half saw Youth falling far behind and until the final whistle the varsity boys led by a comfortable margin.

Cheaper Press Telegrams

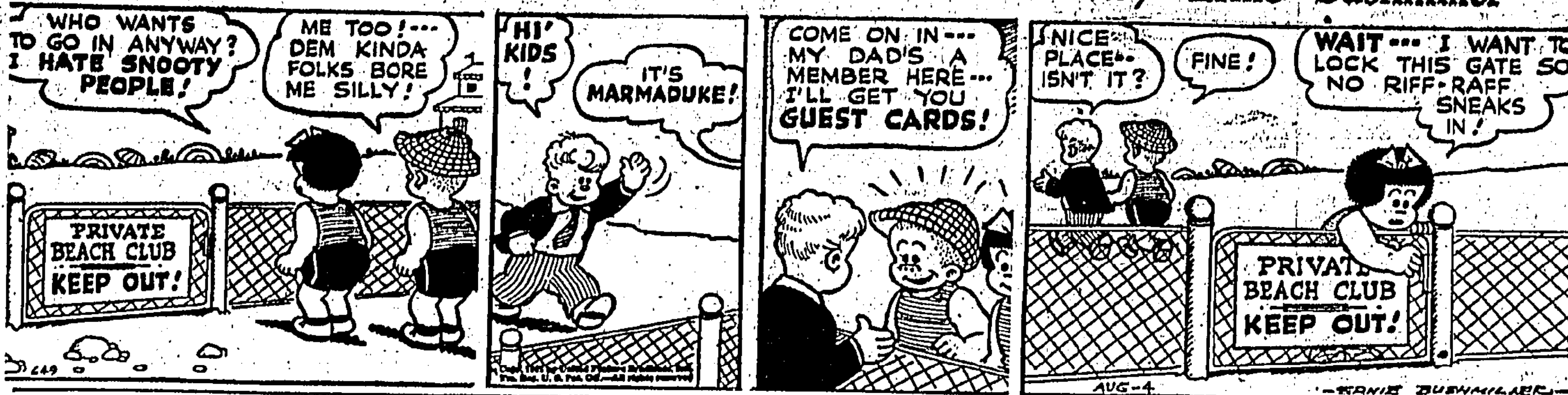
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Rates for press telegrams within the British Empire are to be reduced from 2½d. per word to 1d. per word. The new rate will apply from October 1 and will remain in force for the duration of the war.

Announcing this development, Sir Edward Wilschaw, Chairman of Cables and Wireless Company, said that the arrangement followed consultation with the Minister of Information (Mr. Brendan Bracken) and other interested parties and was made with the co-operation of the Empire Governments.

Appreciation Of General Wavell

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell, C.B., C. India, has been awarded the Military Cross of Virtuti Militari, which is the Polish equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

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"I do, Hawkins, and in a big way. Turn out the cellar while I go to the phone and beat up a few of the lads. Let there be enough festivity to float a battleship."

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TO PAY AT KING'S

Incredible Devastation On Soviet War Front Described

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent in Russia)

YELNYA, (Smolensk Front).—I am writing this dispatch from Yelnya, the principal town of the large salient which the Russians recaptured after smashing eight German divisions in a month-long battle which proved one of the war's fiercest struggle.

It is now nearly a week since I left Moscow for the first trip to the front. Since then I have travelled along many roads—often incredible roads—along the Smolensk sector of the eastern front.

One recaptured village I visited remains very vividly in my memory. Unlike so many others, there were a few houses still standing but the only inhabitants were one peasant, three children and one blind woman, and she had been rendered insane by the experiences through which she passed.

I saw her wandering from place to place with her only possession, one pig, one sheepskin and a few pathetic rags. But the three children were already busy digging up potatoes from the recaptured fields.

Devastated Country
 Hereabouts and eastwards the countryside was devastated by the Germans before they were driven out by the Russian pincer movement. The result of this pincer movement was that thousands of Germans were killed or captured while other German forces were compelled to withdraw rapidly from the battle-line, abandoning strong positions and masses of equipment.

The Germans are now 11 miles west of Yelnya and are being driven further away.

Smolensk is still in German hands but the Russians are not very far off. In Yelnya, the only building relatively intact is one church. The remainder of this town, which formerly had 6,000 inhabitants, now consists mainly of a few chimney stacks and heaps of rubble and ashes.

Forced Labour
 A large number of the inhabitants were trapped by the sudden arrival of the Germans, formed into forced labour gangs and sent to the German rear, and nobody knows what has happened to them. But some escaped into the woods and managed to reach the Russian lines while others are still trickling back though there is nowhere in the town left to live.

When the Germans decided to evacuate the town on the night of September 4, they ordered the remaining few hundred inhabitants, mostly old people and children, to assemble inside the church, which then was locked up. Before leaving the town, the Germans systematically set fire to every house and it was far escaped destruction and it was into this burning inferno that Russian troops re-entered.

Terror Raid
 I travelled to-day along the road where the Germans retreated before abandoning Yelnya. I started in the morning from Dorogobuzh, which has never been in German hands, but which was almost completely destroyed by terror raids during July. It was uncanny driving in the darkness through an unknown town with the silhouettes of nothing but burnt-out houses with the sky showing through all the windows—like skulls instead of faces.

After wading through deep mud, I at last reached an army hut where I was given supper by the local commander and put on heaps of straw.

This morning I drove across a town that looked like a devastated piece of Stepany.

The army was generally taking care of people whose homes had been burned. But in the villages around, life seemed to go on strangely.

normally despite the fact that many thousand roofs had been blown away by the blast and numerous craters in the roadsides.

No Man's Land
 There were pigs, geese and hens on the road. But things were different after entering the country which is either no man's land or occupied by Germans who have systematically destroyed or taken away all the livestock which there was no time to evacuate before they arrived.

In no man's land one of the fiercest battles was fought in wide fields of over-ripe flax and rye still uncut. I got to the village which was the centre of this battle. Nothing is left but a few burned stumps. Called Ushakovo it stands on an advantageously high overlooking a semi-circle of woods a couple of miles distant which was held by the Russians. The Germans made this village their stronghold.

Russian Assault
 It was the Russians who advanced step by step digging themselves in as they came forward during several weeks from three directions until the Germans were forced to withdraw. The allotments round and through Ushakovo are labyrinths of German trenches. Some 500 yards distant are the lines, rapidly constructed by night, of the Russian trenches and in between these are indentations where the advancing Russian soldiers duck-

ed when approaching the German lines.

The terrain occupied by the Germans is like a lunar landscape with shell craters proving the accuracy of the Russian artillery. The fierceness of the fight is shown by the large mound fenced off and decorated with fir branches and wild flowers where hundreds of Russian soldiers were buried.

Mournful Scene
 The German bodies which filled numerous shell-holes are now covered up. Around this mournful scene, the uncut rye fields and potato patches grown in a now non-existent village, whips the autumn rain. The ground is littered with the remains of German equipment, newspapers, tin hats and even private letters still legible despite the rain.

There is also wreckage of a German armoured car and the carcass of a horse.

A couple of miles north was the German observation post, a quarry sliced into the side of a hill with well made galleries and dug-outs furnished with furniture stolen from the villages. Above it were the German artillery positions. It was a strong point protected by a stream and the construction and equipment left the impression of great thoroughness and efficiency. The position was hastily abandoned when the bottleneck to the west threatened to close altogether.

BURMA'S AIR FIELDS A LINK TO AID CHINA

RANGOON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Increasing aid for China and greater mobility of the Royal Air Force in the east is expected to result from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing grounds in Burma.

Although built specifically for the extension of civil air lines in Burma it is expected that the new aerodromes will accelerate the transit of the growing flood of supplies for China arriving under the Lense-Lend procedure. They will also play their part in the defence of Burma should the necessity arise and will increase the mobility of the R.A.F.

In addition to the aerodromes and landing grounds already built, others are now building and still others are planned.

The British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, who has been touring Burma inspecting the country's air and other defences, has already covered hundreds of miles by motor car as well as by aeroplane. He witnessed demonstrations by one of the most modern and fastest fighters. Thereafter, accompanied by Lieut-General K. McLeod, the British C-in-C in Burma, he left for Lashio at the Burma end of the Burma-China Road.

VICEROY AGAIN

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—It is announced that the term of office of the Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, has been extended a further period, until April, 1943.

Air Defence In India

LAHORE, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A night-long black-out has been ordered for Lahore and 12 other towns in the Lahore division from October 5 to October 13 in connection with the forthcoming air defence exercises.

Contravention of the order will be punishable by imprisonment for six months and a fine.

Next of Kin
 LAHORE, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—As a precautionary measure, the Raj has advised all members of the public to carry the name and address of next of kin or other person whom they would wish to be notified in the event of becoming an air raid casualty.

SINO-BURMESE IMMIGRATION

RANGOON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—An agreement on various important points relating to Chinese immigration into Burma was reached at a conference between the Chinese and Burmese delegations to-day.

The points are not detailed in the communiqué which, however, states that they are subject to acceptance by the two governments and to an agreement being reached on the remaining two points.

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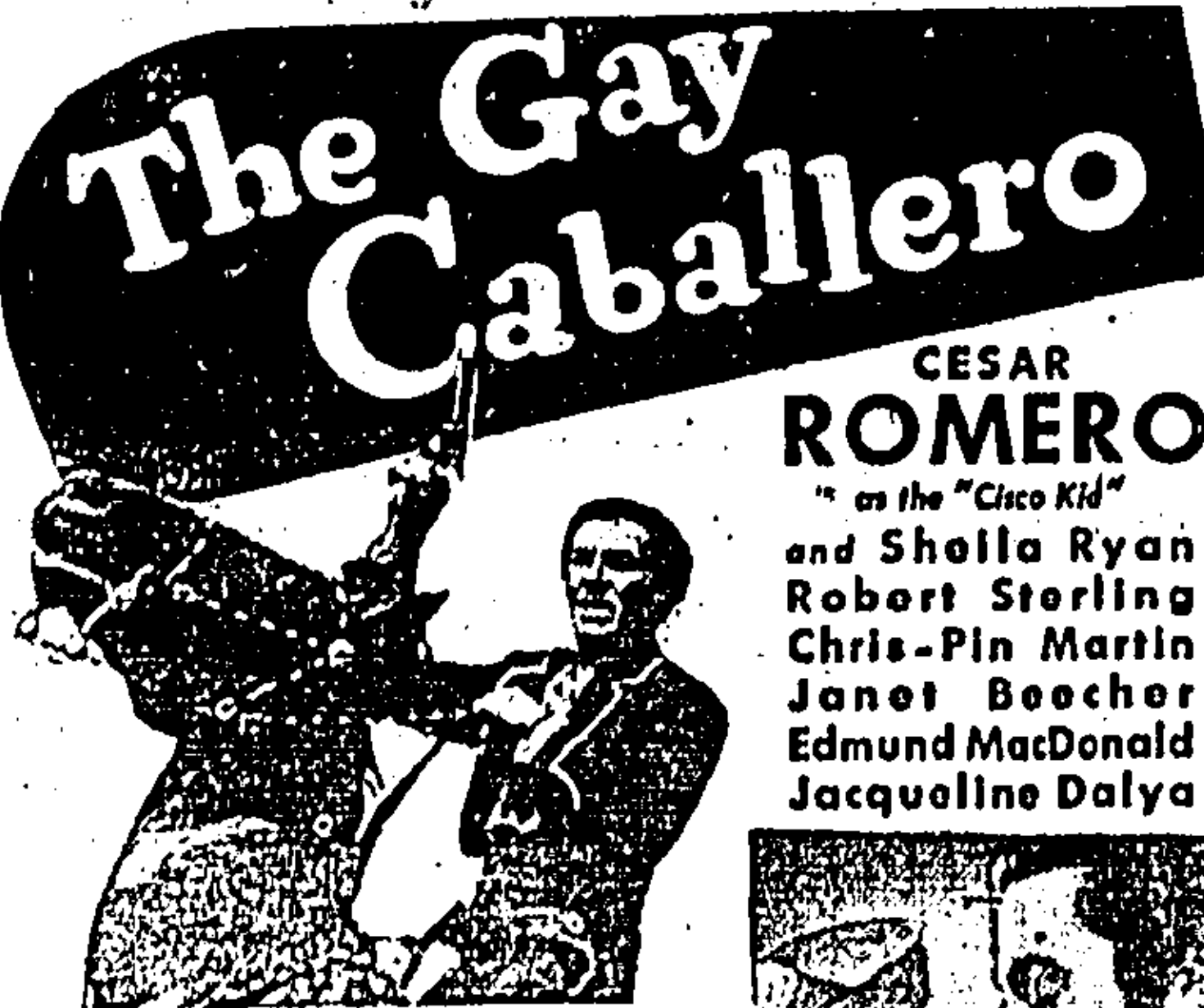
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Hollanders Desire To Fight Nazis

Applications To Enrol
In Dutch Legion

A rumour which spread through Amsterdam "like a prairie fire" that it was possible to enrol for the Dutch Legion in Britain by applying through the American Consulate there, caused the Consulate to be besieged with volunteers, according to a recent issue of "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London.

The volunteers all said that they wanted to reach England and that this could be done by making a journey via the United States. The Consulate staff was placed in an embarrassing situation. However, the difficulty was overcome, it is stated, by this small notice which was posted on the door:

This Consulate of the United States of America is not able to give pensions to former members of the Netherlands army under any arrangement with the authorities in London and further this Consulate does not know of any possibility of persons getting to England or of the consequences which might arise from requests on this subject.

Nazi Complaint
"Vrij Nederland" quotes this incident as an illustration of the attitude of the Dutch. It gives an extract from the Dutch Nazi party paper, which it says reads:

"Many in our midst have numerous methods to express themselves. Do they not wear as a token of their anti-German and anti-Nazi feelings an R.A.F. emblem. This is the latest buttonhole badge. We know already of the cut-out colour showing the Queen's head, the golden lion (the Dutch artillery emblem), and the flaming arrow. So perhaps soon we shall find these people who are so stupid as to refuse to have anything to do with the new era trying to wear red, white, and blue suits."

NEW AIR ROUTE TO AFRICA

Pan American Airways' new air route across the South Atlantic and through Africa to the Middle East, announced recently by President Roosevelt, will take over and co-ordinate for more speedy and efficient operation two recently organised services, one British and the other American, covering the same route.

The new Pan American route will go from New York City (with Baltimore as alternative) to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Port of Spain, Trinidad, to Belem and Natal, Brazil. Then it will hop 1,800 miles—not quite the span from Newfoundland to Ireland—across the Atlantic to Monrovia, Liberia (Bathurst, Gambia and Freetown, Sierra Leone as alternates), will hug the hump of Africa as far as Nigeria, then cut across the Khartoum and perhaps eventually to Cairo.

This route will nowhere pass through the zone of actual warfare. The transport service will supplement the ferry service by returning ferry personnel and carrying spare plane parts and items essential to effective delivery of aircraft to the Middle East. This route will also be available for general commercial use, providing direct air service from New York or Baltimore to Africa.

LATE NEWS

Wants Neutrality Act Altered

FROM PAGE ONE

In Washington as the first shot in the campaign to get Congress to repeal what has now become a most hampering measure in connection with the development of the Administration's policy of aid to all countries fighting Nazi-ism.

Its repeal would enable the President not only to arm merchantmen but to send them into the so-called combat zones. The American Navy can protect British and other foreign ships crossing the Atlantic, shoot at German craft on sight but cannot escort American merchantmen in those same waters. Many Americans see in this an absurd anachronism.

Moreover, there is a feeling in some circles that it is an even greater anachronism to send American-owned and operated ships to places like Iceland under the flag of Panama and that they should be sailing under undisciplined colours.

Carry Much Weight

Mr Hull's views, which carry much weight, will be brought out in the country and in Congress where already there is apparently a movement for the repeal of the Neutrality Act.

Replying to a question, Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, also said that no shooting had been reported to the Navy Department since the President's "Shoot on Sight" order. He added that the Navy's air programme was on schedule. The Navy was getting plenty of engines and planes which were the best in the world in each category.

British Troops By Side With Soviets

FROM PAGE ONE

that German troops are within 35 to 40 miles of Kharkov, a city with a population of 335,000. Kharkov is not only the industrial centre of the Ukraine but an important junction for railway lines and roads connecting the Ukrainian farmland and industries and Donetz with the Russian hinterland. It has important tank tractor factories, from which Marshal Budenny's motorised and mechanised forces have obtained their equipment. The city possesses five aviation plants, four munition plants, two sidarm factories, two chemical plants and a gun foundry.

HONGKONG AIDS CHINA EXCHANGE

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (Central News).—The prompt co-operation of the Hongkong Government in freezing Chinese National Currency deposits coming to Hongkong after the control of black market transactions in Shanghai, will have a salutary effect on Chinese control of foreign exchange, declared a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance to-day.

Explaining the reasons why the freezing measures in Hongkong are necessary, the spokesman said that after the American and British freezing of Chinese assets, black market speculation in Shanghai showed most erratic tendencies which later were put to a stop after the Currency Stabilization Board of China obtained the co-operation of the foreign banks.

However, if the buying and selling of Chinese National Currency remained unrestricted in Hongkong, the control of black market speculation elsewhere could not be effective, and it would also affect stabilization measures.

Recently, the spokesman said, the Currency Stabilization Board was given authority to negotiate with the Hongkong Government over the control of black market transactions, resulting in the freezing orders to-day.

Black Market

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (UP).—A spokesman in the Finance Ministry to-day declared that the Hongkong exchange dark market had ended following the Stabilization Board arrangement with the Hongkong Government for freezing Enpi (Chinese national currency) similar to Shanghai.

JUNO CASUALTIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced the following casualties—missing, presumed killed—from the destroyer Juno which was lost at Crete: Lieutenant J. H. Beazley, G. G. Garrard and W. A. Starkie, and Lieutenant-Commander G. H. Way.

Bomber Fund Contributions

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Yesterday's Bomber Fund collections were headed by a splendid donation of \$50, representing the twentieth week's contents of the Supreme Court Bomb. From the "Grippe" came \$300, being the sum raised from a bottle of champagne. The Fund has now reached a total of \$2,322,130.12. The following are the latest contributions:

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H. K. Stock Market

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Chartered Banks 0.75 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. 11 1/4 n.
Mercantile C. & 23 1/4 n.
East Asia 70 n.

INSURANCES
Canal Ins. 230 n.
Union Ins. 442 1/2 n.
China Underwriters 1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 107 1/2 n.

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Steamboats 10.60 n.
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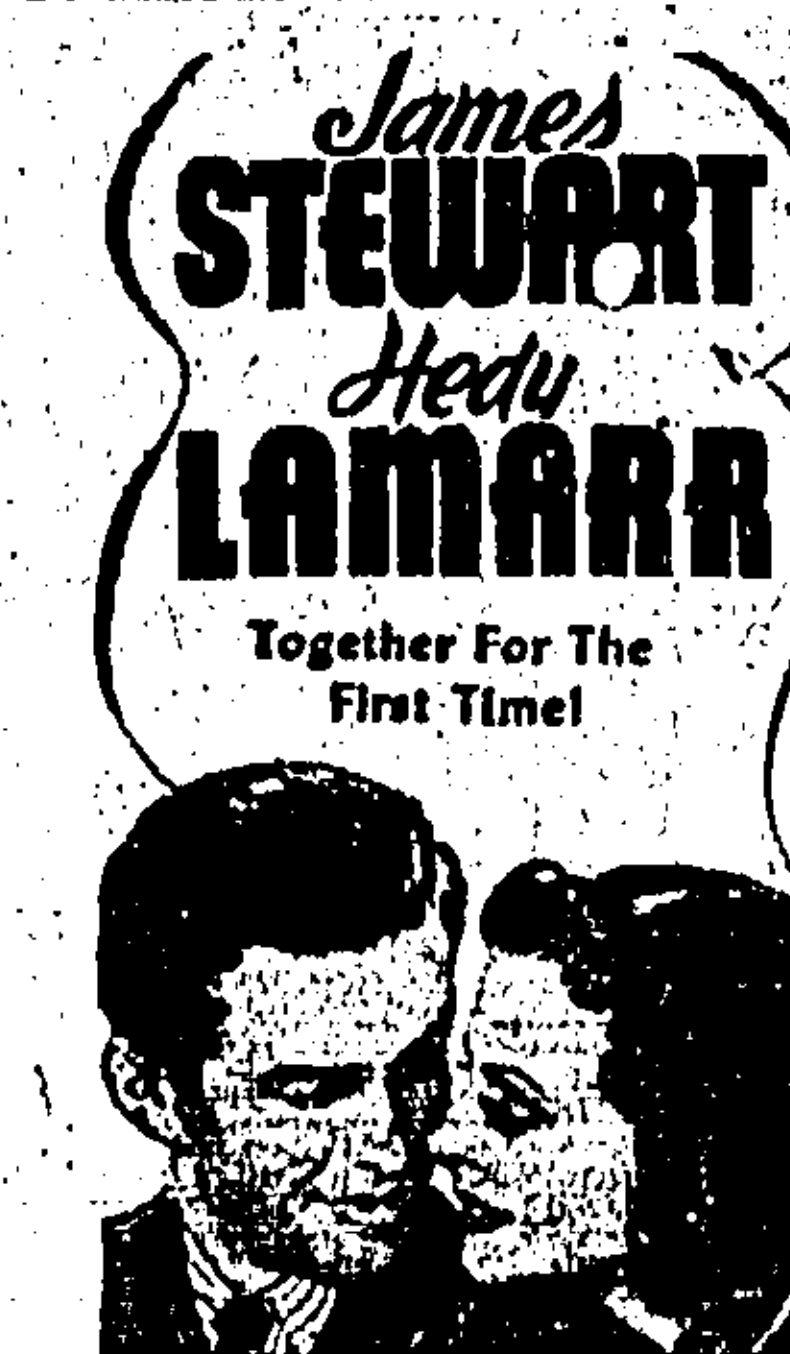
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